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Centenary's Angel

Chad Nelson & Summayah Anwar

It was another beautiful sunset in the lands of Ghana, and one single snapshot changed the world for not only one girl, but for all who hear this story.

Tia Landrum, junior double majoring in biology and chemistry at Centenary, traveled to Ghana this summer to participate in an internship with Global Brigades, where she worked on public health issues.

One day as she was traveling with her team, Landrum snapped a photo and noticed in the background a young, severely malnourished young girl.

Despite many obstacles (logistical and institutional), Landrum rallied people together and raised funds to care for this girl named Adom, meaning "Grace."

She also organized a campaign to assist with Grace's hospital care, as well as coordinated efforts to decorate Grace's hospital room with posters and cards of love and encouragement.

Despite the skeptics, Landrum and her supporters did everything in their power to save a child's life.

Landrum understood all the risks involved in traveling to Ghana and she embraced them. She fought hard and stayed busy this summer.

After completing her May Module in Haiti, Landrum teamed up with fellow Centenary student Paul Eugene to do what they could for Haiti.

Eugene and Landrum collected medical supplies from churches and medical supply companies in the Shreveport area.

They have stored the supplies and want to ship them out to Haiti, but they need funds in order to do that.

Unfortunately, Landrum was diagnosed with malaria recently, further setting back the plans of sending the medical supplies to Haita.

Although she has been released from hospital, Landrum's recovery is slow. She will not reach her former capacity to serve for a little while longer.

In the mean time, we will need the students to help us collect donations in order to ship the supplies, says Eugene.

"What we want to do while Tia is recovering is to set up a fund so when she is back on her feet we will be ready to go," stated Eugene.

The short term goal is to get these supplies to Haiti.

Some of the supplies will go to the orphanage clinics that Landrum and other Centenary students have visited for May Module.

Efforts are being coordinated to assist to with inventorying the supplies and identifying the appropriate channels to send these supplies on to Haiti.

The Shreveport and the Centenary community will be needed to help collect the funds in order to send the supplies.

"Tia is a constant inspiration. She sees suffering and she refuses to let it continue," said Eugene.

New Technology and Upgrades Sweep Centenary Campus

Adam Stephens
Staff Writer

The 2012 fall semester at Centenary College of Louisiana has introduced numerous technological changes in several departments on campus, as well as in certain aspects of student life.

The Philosophy and Communications departments have employed grants from the Board of Regents to give students access to new technology; additionally, Centenary has used its funding to renovate the Cline residence hall.

In addition, Node was introduced last year as a new living learning community. Within Node, students engage technology to produce social change.

In 2011 the Philosophy department of Centenary applied for a grant from the Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF).

Its proposal was to provide iPads to students taking philosophy courses. The intent was to help students engage in "active learning" using the tools available on the iPad's e-readers.

With access to dictionaries, Google translate, and Wikipedia, it is easier for students to understand their texts as fully as possible. However, the biggest factor is the iPad's versatility.

"The iPad has much of the functionality of a laptop computer," said Professor of Philosophy Kenneth Aizawa. "So, students can take them anywhere on campus and be connected all the time. All of them can have Skype meetings if they like. They have scheduling apps that help students organize their time...So far, my students seem pretty enthusiastic about using them."

The hope of the Philosophy department is that the iPad's ability to be customized and used in multiple ways will lead to improved student performances. So far, student feedback has been mainly positive.

"It's useful, and it's nice to be able to carry less paper," said junior Kunaal Patel. "I've seen other students using them in other classes like biochemistry."

The Communications department also applied for a BoRSF grant in order to purchase $50,000 worth of state of the art digital filmmaking equipment to be used in digital film production courses.

The new equipment is similar to that used by professional filmmakers, making the experience in the course more applicable.

"We wanted to allow students to work with this equipment so that they could be better...

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Tech and Upgrades

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...prepared should they choose to make a career out of film production," said Dr. Michele Glaros, Associate Professor of Art. "We worked with it over the summer, and now we're having fun with the new workflow and teaching opportunities."

Again, reported student reaction has been mainly positive.

"We just started using the new equipment; practicing with the cameras, maintenance, learning how to edit, that sort of thing," said sophomore Jacob Robison.

"A lot of the students see it as a good thing; one freshman in my class was really excited. Later we're going to have a documentary project using the cameras."

The new technology has not just enhanced classes, but created whole new opportunities. This year marks the first semester of Node, a new Living Learning Community (LLC) based in James Hall.

This new LLC has the goal of teaching students to employ technology to implement social change; students will employ various forms of technology and learn how to use it persuasively in order to implement societal change.

"Students involved in Node will explore persuasive technology research that focuses on interactive, transmedia technologies, including the Internet, social media, video games, and mobile devices," said Professor Jessica Hawkins.

"This exploration will incorporate and build on the theories and methods of sociology, rhetoric, and human-computer interaction."

"Node students are motivated, creative, civically engaged, and have strong analytical skills," said Dr. Glaros. "We're all very excited."

Centenary has also employed its funding in the renovation of Cline Residence Hall.

Improvements were rather extensive, including new flooring, repainted walls, replacement doors and air conditioning on the third floor, new piping, new tiles and shower curtains in the bathroom, and the correction of a slight flooding problem in the courtyard. The improvements have all been met with approval from the residents of Cline.

"I think it's a great change for Cline," said Resident Assistant Cassandra Warden. "I love Cline, and I hope the changes make more people want to live here."

"It makes it feel more like home and less like a prison," said sophomore Patrick Weidner.

The BoRSF grant that helped fund some of these changes was also awarded to the Neuroscience and Computer Science departments.

The former used its grant to buy new technology for laboratory purposes; the latter used its funding to provide new technology to students in the same vein as the philosophy department.

Sustainability LLC Broadens Audience, Creates Incentives Program

Karley Aiken
News Editor

In any given residence hall, students see numerous signs and reminders encouraging them to "Be Green", "Recycle", and act sustainably.

But are we really challenging students to make a conscious effort to practice sustainable living with only a splatter of cleverly placed signs?

Last year, the GreenHouse funded a campus-wide recycling overhaul which included installing new trash and recycle bins and turning classroom trash cans into recycle-only bins.

This was just the beginning of an intricate, tedious process to involve the Centenary community that isn't in GreenHouse to participate in sustainable behavior.

This waste intervention seems successful so far; students are learning what is and isn't appropriate to recycle and using the bins accordingly.

However, cleverly placed signs and positive encouragement can only do so much. GreenHouse has decided to reach out to student organizations this year to allow for internal education as well as increased sustainability on Centenary's campus.

Dr. Jeanne Hamming and senior Communication student Karley Aiken have comprised a plan for student-led organizations (excluding student government bodies such as SGA and CAB) to participate in an incentives program for both the fall and spring semesters. Organizations are given a set of guidelines and challenges for sustainable behavior and are required to present a detailed report of how they tackled those challenges and acted sustainably as an organization at the end of the semester.

The top three most sustainable organizations will receive monetary awards in the amount of $150, $100, and $50 to use towards their organization.

This will be the first year that this program is implemented, but with positive results and responses, it could continue for years to come.

This is a direct way to encourage and maintain a sustainable lifestyle by incorporating sustainability into meetings, events, and planning that students already participate in.

The GreenHouse incentives program allows students to educate themselves and others while taking action to improve Centenary's campus and promote hands-on sustainability that provides successful results and in turn boosts organizational growth.

UPs & DOWNS

Caf is becoming awesome
What more could we ask for?

Campus Renovations
Making our campus look beautiful and up-to-date! Wahoo!

KSCL Shows!
Very entertaining!

Cave in... "womp womp"
Just not cool

Cost of Textbooks
Don't publishers know that students are already broke?

The Humidity & Heat
When will that crisp fall weather come in?

NEWS

We Want YOU to Vote

Jacob Robison
Copy Editor

It has been four years since the last presidential election here in the US of A, and this writer can happily say that he will be able to participate in the election of 2012, mostly thanks to the upcoming Voter Registration Drive being held on Centenary's campus.

The drive will take place on September 18th, 19th, and 20th. There will be tables set up on the cafeteria deck and in Randall's between 11:30 and 12:30, so be on the lookout during lunch on those days.

The drive is being led by Centenary senior Jordan Ring, who is working together with such groups as MSA and the Maroon Jackets in attempt to broaden the political activity of Centenary's campus.

The idea for a registration drive came from Colin Brineman, a Centenary student and member of MSA.

"Colin thought that a voter registration drive was necessary to take things to the next level. We have these programs; we've become aware of these issues. To talk about it is one thing, but to put these new-found insights into action, we have to vote." says Ring.

This election is very important to Brineman, being the first presidential election in which he can vote, and surely the same goes for many others.

Brineman says, "There is no reason whatsoever that Centenary should not have 100% voter registration; in fact, there is no reason that AMERICA shouldn't have 100% voter registration. Voting is one of the most important things to do to make sure that there is Justice."

There will be registration forms for Louisiana and Texas, as well as computers set up so that students from other states can register online. If students do not know if they are registered, they can find out easily at Canivote.org.

If patriotism or civic responsibility isn't enough motivation, then maybe a chance to win a prize is.

Ring is working together with Ashlie Daigle, Director of Student Involvement, to put together a raffle ticket drawing. When a student registers to vote, their name will be put in to the drawing.

For those who have already registered, they simply need to print out their certificate of registration and bring it to the drive to have their name put in as well.

For more information on volunteering or the registration drive, contact Jordan Ring at jring@my.centenary.edu.

A Look into the "Armstrongs": Would you Give Up?

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

America has recently lost two very important heroes. Neil Armstrong passed away at the age of 82. He was deemed one of America's finest heroes when he became the first man to step on the moon.

Lance Armstrong's legacy is the other "hero" that has greatly disappointed many across this nation. Armstrong, taking one giant leap back, gave up his long battle against the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) this past Thursday diminishing his "Livestrong" campaign.

Armstrong began his athletic supremacy at the young age of fifteen, defeating his competition in the sport of triathlons.

The teenager easily defeated full grown men in their prime before he even attended his senior prom.

At 16, Armstrong became a professional triathlete and the national sprint-course triathlon champion in 1989 and 1990 at 18 and 19, respectively.

He flourished in his youthful athletic career, winning World Championships with ease. The early 90's were golden years for Lance, but this was only the beginning of one of the greatest comebacks the world would ever see.

On October 2, 1996, Armstrong, at age 25, was diagnosed as having developed stage three testicular cancer.

The cancer spread to his lungs, abdomen, and brain. Immediate surgery and chemotherapy were required to save his life.

Armstrong had an orchiectomy to remove his diseased testicle. After his surgery, his doctor stated that he had less than a 40% survival chance. Most people would have forgotten about their athletic careers and focused on just trying to live.

Some people would have just given up and let the cancer win, but not Lance. He proved to himself, his family, and his fans that he would stop at nothing. The rest is history.

Lance Armstrong came back better than ever, winning the Tour de France not once, not twice, but seven times. From 1999 to 2005, Lance Armstrong swept the Tour de France, but the question lingered...did he cheat?

Cycling is known as one of the "dirtiest" sports in the world. Riders are always getting caught for blood-doping, using illegal enhancing drugs, and other supplements result in cheating.

Armstrong has always said that he has never failed a drug test which is true, but there are a few red flags that still make spectators wonder.

First, you look at the cyclists that finished behind Armstrong in his victories at the Tour de France; these athletes have been caught and punished for cheating.

In 1999, Alex Zülle (Switzerland) was banned from the previous year's Tour for taking the blood-boosting drug EPO during the Festina Affair.

He even admitted to cheating, but one year later he was on the podium behind Armstrong. In 2000 and 2001, Jan Ullrich (Germany), Lance's greatest rival was implicated in the Operación Puerto blood-doping scandal in which dozens of cyclists were named after Spanish police raided the offices of sports doctor Eufemiano Fuentes, and discovered one hundred packets of blood and about a thousand doses of steroids.

In 2002, Joseba Beloki (Spain), possibly the Lance runner-up with the cleanest record, was implicated in the Operación Puerto doping scandal. The list continues, but these men that finished behind Lance Armstrong were all cheating.

So it is thought that the best cyclists in the world at that time were being beat by a man that was clean. Armstrong's coach in 2004 was sentenced to one year prison, banned from coaching, and a fine of 900 euros, for sporting fraud and abusive exercise of the profession of pharmacist.

Ferrari was involved with the US Postal Service Cycling Team until October 2004, helping Armstrong train during several of his seven consecutive Tour de France victories.

In addition, Armstrong's closest friend George Hincapie was going to testify against Armstrong at the USADA hearing.

Hincapie had a great reputation for being an honest and trustworthy man who had no scores to settle.

Along with Hincapie, it was reported that the USADA claimed that ten of Armstrong's exteammates were ready to testify and discredit their old teammate.

Armstrong did not give the USADA the chance to bring forth evidence to discredit his word.

Armstrong made the choice to cease the arbitration and his view in the public will be remarkably unchanged to most.

However, as the man who has motivated and given hope to millions by his "never stop" mentality, why would he bare all now?

For someone who has such a large legacy built on will-power and determination, why give up the fight now?

If you were Lance Armstrong--the man who is clean and has never cheated in his sport-- would you given up the fight like he did?

A&E

Artist in the Spotlight: *Jordan Pope*

Ellen Orr
A&E Editor

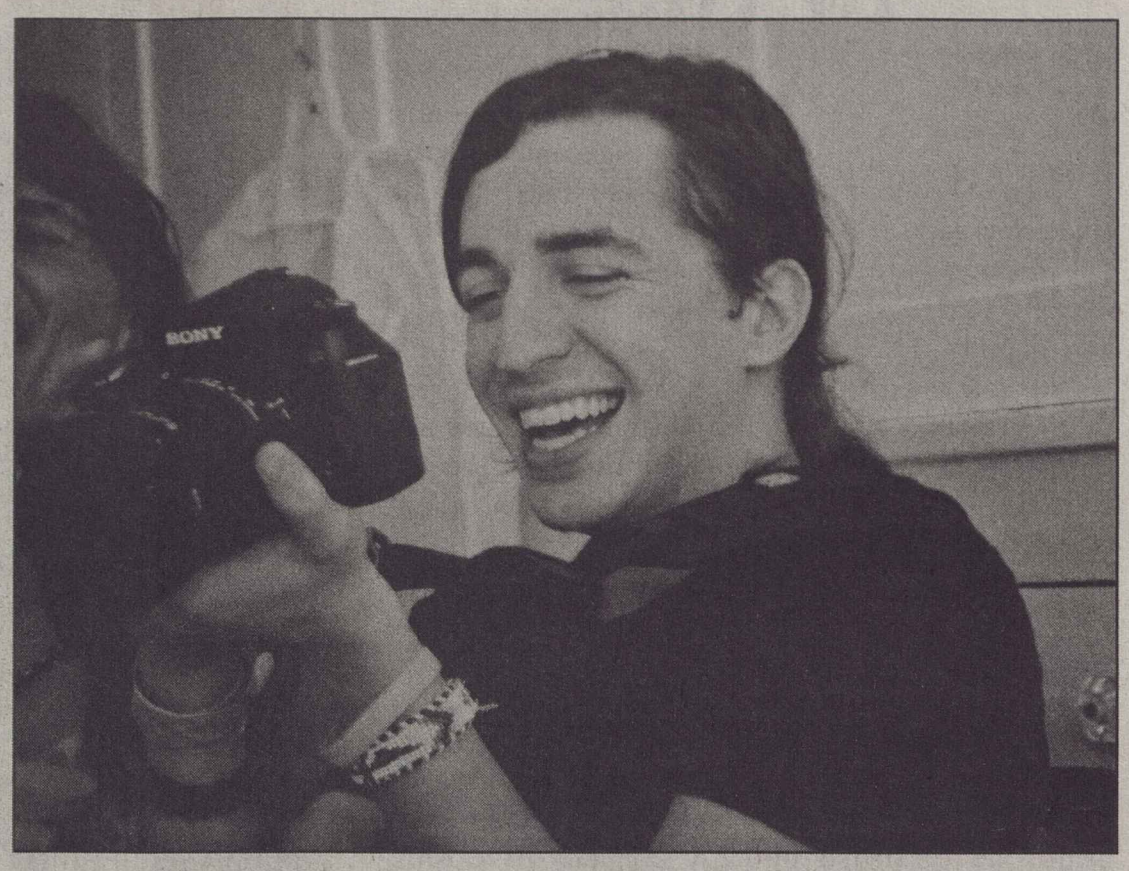
A camera usually hides his face, but there's no doubt that you've seen the rest of senior Jordan Pope all over campus. His legs are always walking him to another photo op, his hands and wrists always working in sync to focus the lens on his latest subject. Pope lives to create; he always has.

"I have been taking photos since I first got my hands on a flip phone with a working, yet extremely low quality, camera," he said. "And from that point on my passion for photo has not stopped expanding."

Recently, however, Pope found his love for painting through a studio class. As his paintings have developed, he's discovered that he prefers using acrylics over other paints because they are "superb for creating texture" and allow him "to layer with great abstraction." The themes of his pieces are unplanned; that is, the subject emerges after Pope has already begun his process.

"I do not like preconceiving concepts," he said, "so the theme and subject often appears when I'm done with the piece. It is always an intuitive expression, where I paint a shape or line or color, stand back and try and think of what I should add next and then I add that. A more controlled Pollock, if you will. Any themes or subjects that are gathered tend to be viewer-based. I don't try to instill them, yet they are withdrawn, which is such an interest concept. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, yes?"

Indeed, this notion of "viewer-based" themes holds true in regards to a recent incident involving Pope's work. Senior studio art major Kedrick Williams was recently offered a show in downtown Shreveport to display his work. He was told he could invite any other artists to show their pieces alongside



his own. However, the owners of the gallery regarded Pope's pieces as too "edgy" and declined them. No other artists' work was declined.

Pope reflects that he was disappointed about missing out on this opportunity to display his art, but in the end, he finds a certain kind of accomplishment.

"I feel proud that my art isn't acceptable to a certain group of people, because that is what sets me apart," he said. "I will also stand firmly alongside my style and will not manipulate it to be softer to anyone who doesn't like what I have to offer. Also, I feel that controversy is at the heart of the greatest artworks. It's the artists' job to challenge convention and inject adrenaline into the heart of society."

Pope's photographs and paintings are for sale; check out flickr.com/photos/jordan-pope and thingseyestain.tumblr.com to browse. You can contact Pope at jpope@my.centenary.edu to purchase.

Theta Chi's Drink of the Week

Ben Sanchez
Staff Writer

Do you miss Mardi Gras down in New Orleans?

Everyone knows Mardi Gras is a party, and wouldn't it be nice to have something to remind you of New Orleans year-round?

Of course it would. Mardi Gras is about six months away.

A little burger joint down on Esplanade Avenue named Port of Call makes a mean drink called a Monsoon. Port of Call is known for their monstrous burgers as well as their traditional white cups in which their signature drink, the Monsoon, is served.

It is never too early to kick back, turn up the jazz music, and throw beads at people on the street with this New Orleans favorite:

Port of Call's Monsoon
2 oz. White Rum
2 oz. Dark Rum
2 oz. Pineapple Juice
2 oz. Passion Fruit Juice
4 oz. Sweet and Sour Mix

Mix all Ingredients except dark rum into a shaker with ice. Shake lightly and strain into a hurricane glass filled with ice. Finally, pour the dark rum on top and enjoy. Garnish with a cherry and orange slice.

*Recipe is from the author and is not the actual recipe from Port of Call, but nonetheless a really good reproduction *

The National Organization for Women wants YOU to audition for the production of

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A groundbreaking collection of monologues by world-renowned authors and playwrights, edited by Eve Ensler and Mollie Doyle. These diverse voices rise up in a collective roar to break open, expose, and examine the insidiousness of violence at all levels: brutality, neglect, a punch, even a put-down. The volume features such authors and topics as:

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Maya Angelou on women's work;
Michael Cunningham on self-mutilation;
Dave Eggers on a Sudanese abduction;
Edwidge Danticat on a border crossing;
Carol Gilligan on a daughter witnessing her mother being hit;
Susan Miller on raising a son as a single mother;
Sharon Olds on a bra;
Patricia Bosworth on her own physically abusive relationship;
Jane Fonda on reclaiming our Mojo;
and many more.

Want more information?
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Diversity Committee Welcome Reception Successful

Last week, Diversity Committee chair Dr. Chad Fulwider sent out a global email regarding the Welcome Reception that was held in the 2910 Building on Aug. 30th. Diversity Committee was pleased at the large turnout of both Centenary and Dillard students and faculty.

For those who couldn't make it, the Committee wanted to extend an invitation to attend future meetings, which are held on the first Thursday of each month in the Faculty Lounge (third floor of the SUB) at 3 p.m.

Future goals include "recruiting and retaining diverse faculty and students," "[facilitating] more discussions on religious diversity," and incentivizing "intentional programming across campus organizations."

For more information, contact Dr. Fulwider at cfulwider@centenary.edu or senior Jordan Ring at jring@my.centenary.edu.

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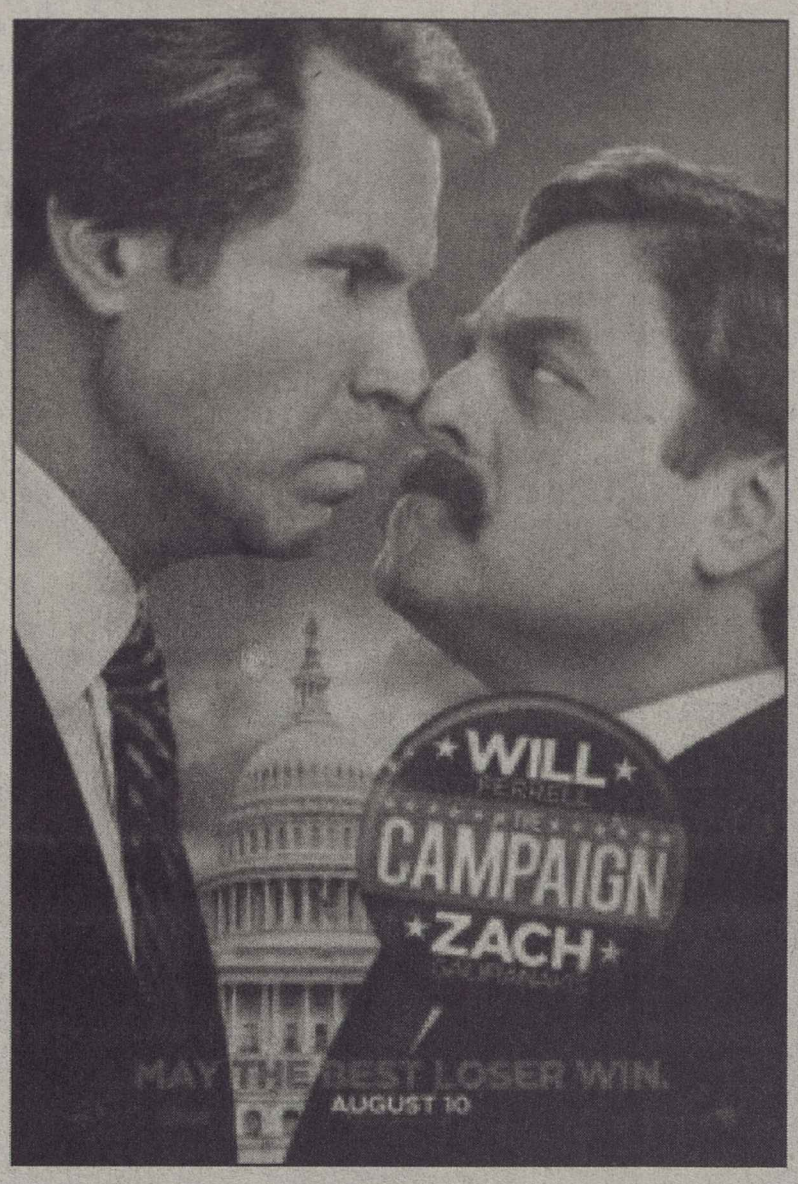
A&E

Knee Slappin' Movie?

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer



We are in the year of presidential elections and we all know what that means: the blitzkrieg of bashing campaign advertisements.

It seems that each year the candidates put forth more money and time in making their opponents look like the ugliest ducklings of all political candidates in America's history.

No one likes these kinds of commercials unless, of course, two of the funniest comedians in Hollywood make a movie mocking this type of political behavior.

"The Campaign" isn't exactly what you would expect going into the movie theater. Of course, the southern accents and tacky campaign methods are fitting for this movie—but there is depth.

This movie is not only a political satire, but something much more enticing.

Co-star and co-producer Zach Galifianakis created this story around the Koch brothers (America's fifth and sixth richest men with a combined worth of 50 billion dollars), who are using their money to influence political advertisements and parties during this year's elections. The Koch brothers have seemingly created their own Republican party with their finances pushing their own way of conservatism. The film is clever about adding past political scandals into the script.

Galifanakis plays a small-town family man named Marty Huggins, who gets selected by the powerful "Motch Brothers" (Dan Aykroyd and John Lithgow) to unseat the four-term, previously unchallenged democrat Cam Brady (played by Will Ferrell) in North Carolina's 14th Congressional District.

The Motch Brothers drop a hefty one million dollars into their created campaign for Huggins to defeat Brady. As the plot thickens, so do the vulgarity and insults between the two potential congressmen.

The slapstick humor does not stop, crossing the line of indecency far too many times. Nevertheless, it is still an enjoyable movie even if you do not keep up with the news.

So if I were to rate this movie on a scale from a pity "ha" to a "ROTFLMBO" (Rolling On The Floor Laughing My Bum Off), I'd give it an LOL plus a knee slapper. Watch it!

FRANCESCA'S FASHION FORECAST

Francesca Lawrence
Staff Writer

While Labor Day marks the end of summer, it also marks the beginning of fall fashion trends 2012.

Nowadays, the "no wearing white after Labor Day" rule isn't exactly valid. In fact, white is "in" this season and can be worn in warm layers, from parchment to oyster to cream.

For those of you who aren't familiar with the rule, wearing white after Labor Day has been considered a fashion faux pas since the 1950s, reminding people that summer-weighted clothing, which were usually lightly colored or white, needed to be put away for the start of the cold weather.

This year, however, winter-weighted clothing is white-hot.

This season's top trends for women include sheer blouses, contrasting colored/patterned collars, military accents, denim button-downs, full skirts, and dresses with curve-conscious lines.

Additionally, Asian inspired motifs, bohemian prints, and opulent floral patterns are all the rage.

Best of all, fall fashion means boot season. This fall, boots are accentuated with gold studs, brass buckles, and delicate boho embellishments.

This season's top trends for men include ikat-, paisley-, and batik-patterned pieces.

On the other hand, simplicity seems to be "in" this season as well. The patterns will be restrained, the colors will be muted, and the accessories will be functional.

Furthermore, materials like canvas, denim, and corduroy are being designed into more formal, work-appropriate wear.

As to the ever-popular denim, the trendiest jean this season is the straight leg relaxed fit. With the Olympics recently ending, designers have added a spot of England with plaid, checks, herringbone, and tweed, which can be mixed and matched appropriately.

Websites to check out:
riotcloth.com, delias.com, topshop.com, asos.com

Local stores to check out:
Francesca's Collections, Charming Charlie's, and Favorite Sisters on Youree Drive; Imelda's Fine Shoes on Line Ave

Styles to try this week:
Women: cropped jeans, blazers, and peep-toe shoes
Men: color-block, as in mix and match certain hues of color

Personal Column: Chatting with Strangers

Candace Metoyer
Staff Writer

I love airports and flying and all that jazz. I especially love random conversations in the terminals.

There is something about the variety of people from all over the world being in the same place headed to the same destination that I find peaceful.

After one of my recent ventures to Baltimore to visit a friend, I waited in my terminal to board the plane to New Orleans. I sat by myself underneath a window when an older man, around seventy, asked if he could sit next to me. "Sure," I told him.

He sat down, and we were both quiet for a moment until my habitually worrisome personality became concerned I was sitting in the wrong terminal, about to get on the wrong plane, headed to the wrong city.

I also felt awkward sitting so close to someone and not holding a conversation (maybe it was just the southern girl in me).

To solve this, I inquired, " This is the flight to New Orleans, right?" "Yes," he said, "unless we are both on the wrong flight."

We chuckled. "So, do you live in New Orleans or are you just visiting?" I asked.

He smiled sheepishly. "Well, both! We are going down to buy a house, and we close tomorrow, so today we are visitors and tomorrow we live there. Do you live in New Orleans?"

"No, sir," I replied. "I live in a small town in North Louisiana. It was just cheaper to fly to New Orleans and then drive home."

He asked me what I was doing all the way in Baltimore, and I explained I was visiting a friend.

I decided to share with him a story: while I was in Baltimore, my southern accent got the best of me. I told a story to my friend and one of her grad school friends and I excitedly began it with "Y'all!"

A completely appropriate introduction for the South, not so much for Baltimore though (which some people debate is the south because it's below the Mason-Dixon line, but that's a different story).

My friend had to explain "y'all" to her Jersey friend.

"I just never know what else to say," I told my new, elderly friend.

"Well in New York, they say 'yous guys'," he said.

I smiled at him, intrigued.

"And I don't think you have an accent, though I did know you were from the South because you said 'sir'," he stated.

I giggled again. And with that he took his bags and followed his wife to board the plane.

There's something strangely comforting about sharing a story with a stranger.

Sharing stories with someone you have never met before and may never see again is quite beautiful.

It's the idea that there is so much chaos in the world between people who know each other well: mothers and daughters, sisters and brothers, politicians and society . . . and somehow, two people who have never met before can sit down and have a peaceful conversation, even if it is just to pass the time waiting in the terminal so that we can all get along with our busy lives.

Maybe talking strangers isn't so bad, Mom.

SPORTS

Gent's Take Loss as a Stepping Stone

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

The Centenary Gents Soccer Team approach their new season with a positive attitude and a clear mind of expectations led by coach David Orr and captains Adam Ghaemmaghami and Kellan Klaus.

After suffering a 2-nil loss in the preseason game against the LSUS Pilots in the second annual Mayor's Cup, Gents have put into perspective the success needed for this upcoming season and the effort needed to fight for wins on the field.

They are leaving nothing behind.

Instead of letting the loss put the Gents into a downward spiral each Gent has made the commitment to push harder to obtain success for this season. They are rising above the challenge and succeeding.

Brian McKay and Will Awagu scored the two goals for the LSUS Pilots.

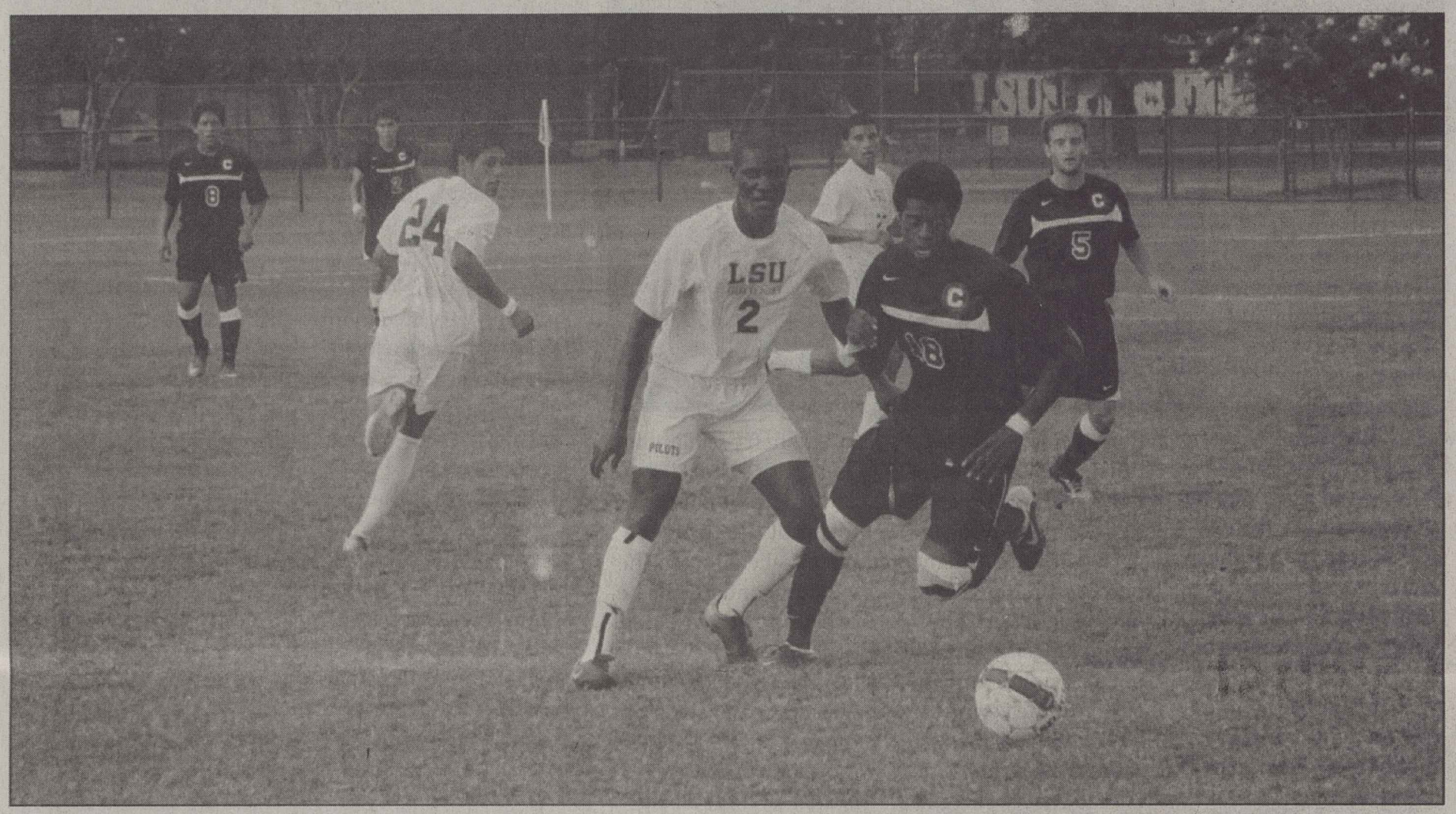
Gent captain, Kellan Klaus says, "The LSUS game was our first game together, so it was very telling of our season. Basically, we made a lot of small mental errors, but as a team we definitely have a lot of potential for this year. If we can fix these mistakes I can see us going very far and becoming a great team as the season goes on."

The Gents share their captain's enthusiasm as the start of the actual season approaches. For the first week of the season the Gents will be traveling to Schreiner University and Texas Lutheran University.

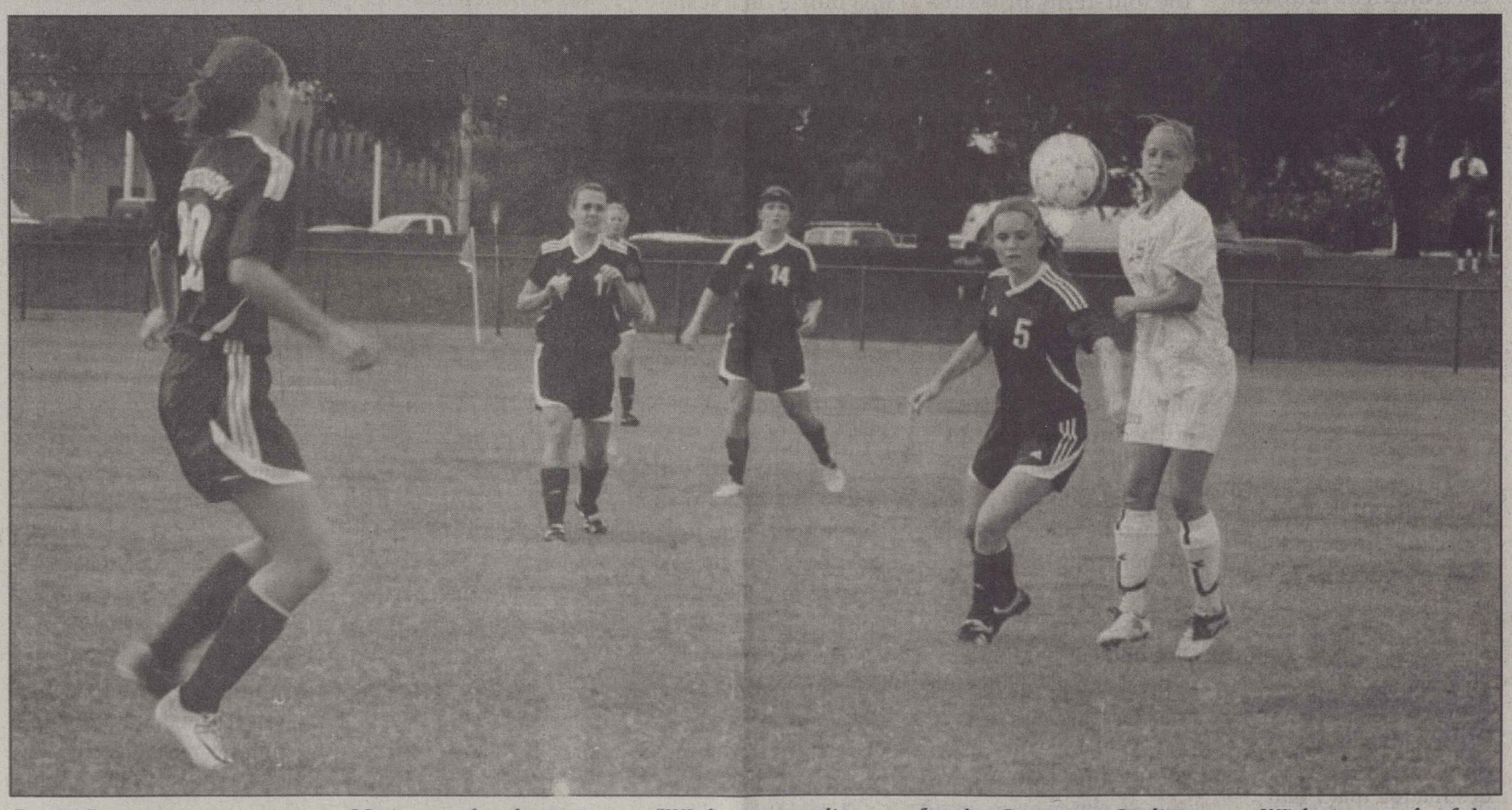
The Gent standard has been set very high after a successful season last year.

The Gents who graduated left behind a standard that the Gents this year will have to rise up to meet. They look to nothing more than another successful season and to push the envelope of the Gent standard.

Come support your Gents as they strap up on the field, facing their opponents without fear and with a purpose and a standard to set. Let's go Gents!



Ladies Step to Overcome Hurdle



Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

Our Centenary Ladies Soccer team has started off with an unfortunate loss against the LSUS Pilots during the pre-season exhibition against the in-town rival of the Mayor's Cup.

Captain Allie Cortes said, "We got our really bad game out of the way and there is only 'up' from here."

Up is exactly where the Ladies are heading, with their captain bravely leading them to an incredible and productive year.

Even though the Ladies lost their pre-season game with a two-goal deficit, each of the ladies are ready to strap on their boots and approach their season with a competitive heart and accept nothing less than a win.

"We have an unlimited quantity of work ethic on our team. Every girl will work hard," says Captain Cortes.

Each of the Ladies realizes that hard work and determination lie before them if they are to be successful this season.

Heat, injuries, and any other obstacle that could approach the Ladies will be overcome and yet another success for the Centenary Ladies Soccer team.

"I think our biggest hurdle is going to be getting the freshmen acclimated to college soccer. We are a very young team; it's just gonna take us a while to build," says Coach Glenn Evans.

With eight freshmen sporting maroon and white this season for the Ladies, an age barrier is sure to be in the mix.

With time each of the young Ladies will step up more and more and help lead the Centenary Ladies to a successful season.

Although the hurdle may be present, let's cheer on our Ladies and add to their momentum UP-ward as they set out to clear one hurdle and take on another in a season of hard work, sweat and success!

SPORTS

The Running Specialists

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

It is the one physical action that is involved in most collegiate sports—running.

The art of running is highly overlooked, but there are a few running specialists among us at Centenary College of Louisiana.

Lead by their fearless leader Dr. Shelly Armstrong, it doesn't seem that much will slow these runners down.

The Ladies are loaded with a talented arsenal this cross country season. Not one lady will stick out, but as a pack, these women will do great things in their races.

The team is mostly filled with swimmers who will also take on the task of running cross country. Senior Julie Hughes is the top prospect this season, coming into the year stronger than ever before.

Also, senior Hayley Schneider looks to dominate in the women's 5k race. Schneider has already cut thirty seconds off her mile time from last season.

The lone junior, Rachel Olson, is bouncing back from shoulder surgery and is expected to really make an impact on this season's team.

Two newcomers, sophomore Christy Wolterman and freshman Delilah Montero, complete the roster with their hard work and activeness.

The Gents have three returning seniors who are eager for action. The trifecta of running specialists includes Chad Nelson, Miles McDonald, and Horacio D'Agostino.

Nelson looks to continue his Track and Field success over to the demanding cross country season.

McDonald, recovering from a knee injury, has the potential to put many top-five finishes on his running résumé.

Horacio also put in many miles this offseason by competing and winning many triathlons. He will be nothing but a successful component to this team.

Two swimming sophomores, Cavett Feazel and Andrew Borel, will bring their young athleticism to the team.

The Ladies and Gents will travel to The University of Texas at Tyler on the 7th of September to show off their talents.

The Cross Country team will also be hosting two home meets—September 22nd and October 6th—so please save these dates and come out and support your Ladies and Gents!

Armstrong Accusation on a Centenary Cyclist

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

Lance Armstrong has fought to achieve what many may have thought as impossible-- battling cancer and then going on to win seven Tour de France titles, which is the record.

As founder of The Lance Armstrong Foundation, Armstrong has helped others overcome their battle with cancer.

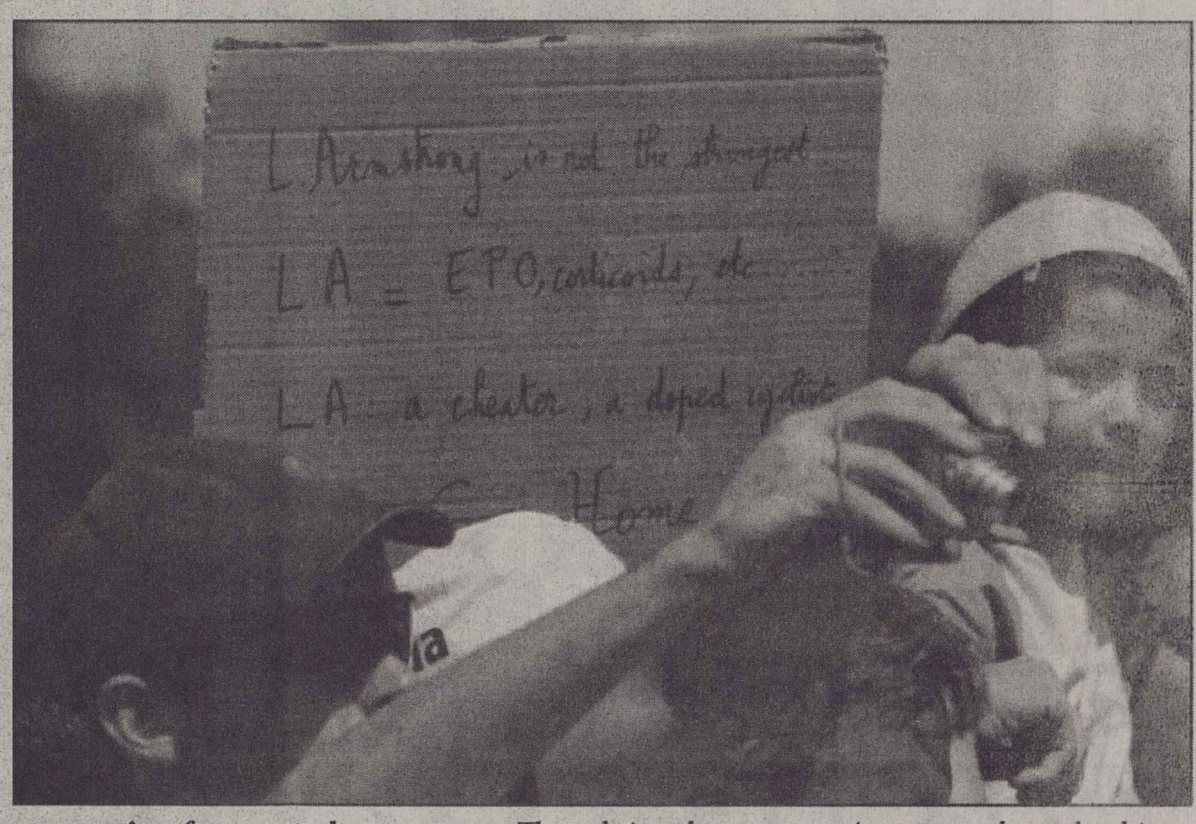
Even after fighting back to become a hero in the eyes of many, Armstrong has been accused of receiving an unfair advantage by using steroids and other forms of doping, which has led the USADA to try to strip Armstrong of his titles.

"Today I turn the page. I will no longer address this issue, regardless of the circumstances. I will commit myself to the work I began before ever winning a single Tour de France title: serving people and families affected by cancer, especially those in undeserved communities," says Armstrong.

Armstrong has been the motivation for Centenary cyclist Taylor Atkinson for years.

Atkinson was asked a few questions concerning Armstrong's accusation against him.

What follows are his answers.



How did Armstrong's conviction affect you as a cyclist?

"Well, as a cyclist that's to be determined because right now the USADA, of course, brought charges against him.

However, the UCI, which is the International Cycling Union, is also looking into the case, and they are more respected in that sort of thing; and they have been fighting over jurisdiction of this thing, but they are asking for the evidence now to look over it.

I think as far as the American home front goes his image has definitely been tarnished, but on an international level I think a lot of people are going to wait until the UCI has looked over everything and given it the ok."

Was Armstrong a hero through this process so far?

"Yeah, I would say so. He stuck to his guns and he did what he could, but in the end the fight wasn't fair. He let that go and focused on his passion, his dream, the LiveStrong Foundation."

For you personally has he been an inspiration for you to keep working hard cycling?

"Absolutely! He's been a great inspiration to me and a lot of other cyclists I know. The amount of work that he put in to recover from his illness and to get to where he did is absolutely incredible and definitely inspires me and still does to this day."

Has this whole situation affected you in any certain way? And how do you feel about Armstrong first being accused and being stripped of all his titles?

"I'm not particularly saddened by this because I believe the process that the USADA went through — in particular, Travis Tygart, the head of the USADA — was very unfair.

They claimed to have over 2,000 pages of research; when asked to fork it over to the defense for Lance to look over it, they only gave him 200.

They claimed that they had about a dozen or so cyclists that they had to testify against him, but no one knows who they are.

They are still cycling apparently so they got some back room deals, and they are still on the road for some reason.

It's definitely not been a good process. Particularly, I'm sort of saddened that this has happened to him, and in my view, his image hasn't been tarnished yet, because I'm waiting for the UCI to look it over and say something.

Even the court, when Armstrong brought this to the court to see if he could wrestle jurisdiction from the USADA into the federal court. Although the federal judge decided that he could not. He expressed concern of the process that the USADA was going through and said that their motives were very suspicious."

Any there any other comments you would like to express concerning Armstrong and this situation?

"I would encourage people to hold their judgment of Armstrong until the UCI has looked at the evidence, because the USADA side has ran a very poor case, and it shouldn't be grounds for dismissal of all his accomplishments."

EXTRAS

Horoscopes

Daniel Proveaux

Aries- Reading through a dictionary is the least effective way to learn more about the world. Get out there! Gun crime is said to be rising around the country. Political statistics may become important for you today, but the mystics will not be clear as to how. Watch out for bullet-shaped objects. The capital of you is your heart - never forget that.

Taurus- The name "Julius" will have some significance today and may be the very thing you've been yearning for. The odds are that you'll see something today that you physically and desperately desire.

Gemini- Your favorite place may change today as you have new reason for utter joy. Feel free to go dancing until 3am with various drag queens at a local notorious disco. When asked to perform in a successful jazz band, consider all your options before accepting.

Cancer- Prepare yourself because your life is set for the biggest change you've seen in a long time. Your love life is ready to flourish, and all because you bought that wonderful hat the other day. You did buy it didn't you? Oh, tell me you bought the hat! Timid creatures are often those to find first love. Be less brash, learn to control your flailing arms, and do try to fart less.

Leo- The colors you see around you are intended to give you an idea of three dimensional space. Close your eyes and you become a dangerous walking buffoon. Unwashed and lonely - don't let your future become this. Only you hold the key to getting yourself out of your personal gutter. You will be plagued by happy people, but don't be swayed by them, stay miserable.

Virgo- This week will see a waning of your libido after your partner decides to shave their hair and start wearing dungarees and army boots to bed. Gold, Silver, and other various shiny things. They're all smashing but really expensive. You might want to lower your expectations if the stars are informing correctly. Indeed, you'll be lucky to get a plastic spoon as a gift than any of the above.

Libra- Complete the sentence: "My day will be really depressing today because my boss will find out that I surf the internet for _____ hours daily." Half of what you think you're good at is actually a complete fluke. This week may see the end of your futile efforts to get good at something. You must also smell as sweet as you look.

Scorpio-Temptation is everywhere, especially if you're willing to look everywhere for it. However, you will discover that temptation itself is not as harmful as running the streets naked shouting "It's not my fault, I'm looking for temptation!"

Sagittarius- Beauty and misery is a package pair for you today. Hope for look in all your endeavors. Horoscopes have always had a tendency to be wrong for you, but todays will be a spot on as everything you have read will smack you right in the middle of the face today.

Capricorn- Screaming loudly only serves to wake the neighbors. They'll only investigate once they're sure you're dead and the murderer has left the crime scene. "Saucy!" should not be used as a synonym for sweaty. Just use the correct words to represent their meaning.

Aquarius- Testing times lay ahead for you if you expect your love life to be without its ups and downs. You must expect failure or it will become your legacy. This miserable prophecy is brought to you in association with

Pisces- You are at a point in your life where you feel you are only there to serve. So get moving! Serve away! Your appetites may diminish today as you fall into a vat of white gravy with no inside ladder. No worries though, you're in the south and white gravy is basically a staple in a southerner's diet. Just shout out that you are a biscuit and you'll be safe.

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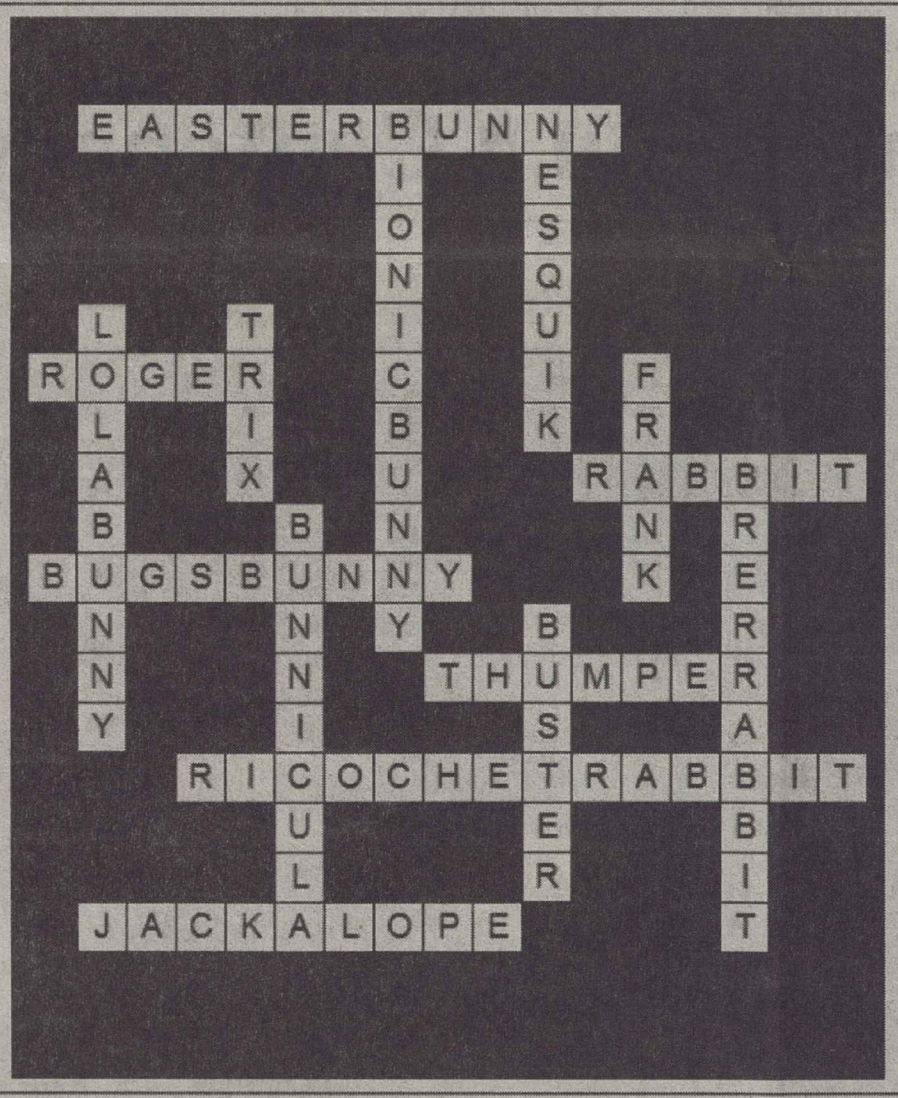

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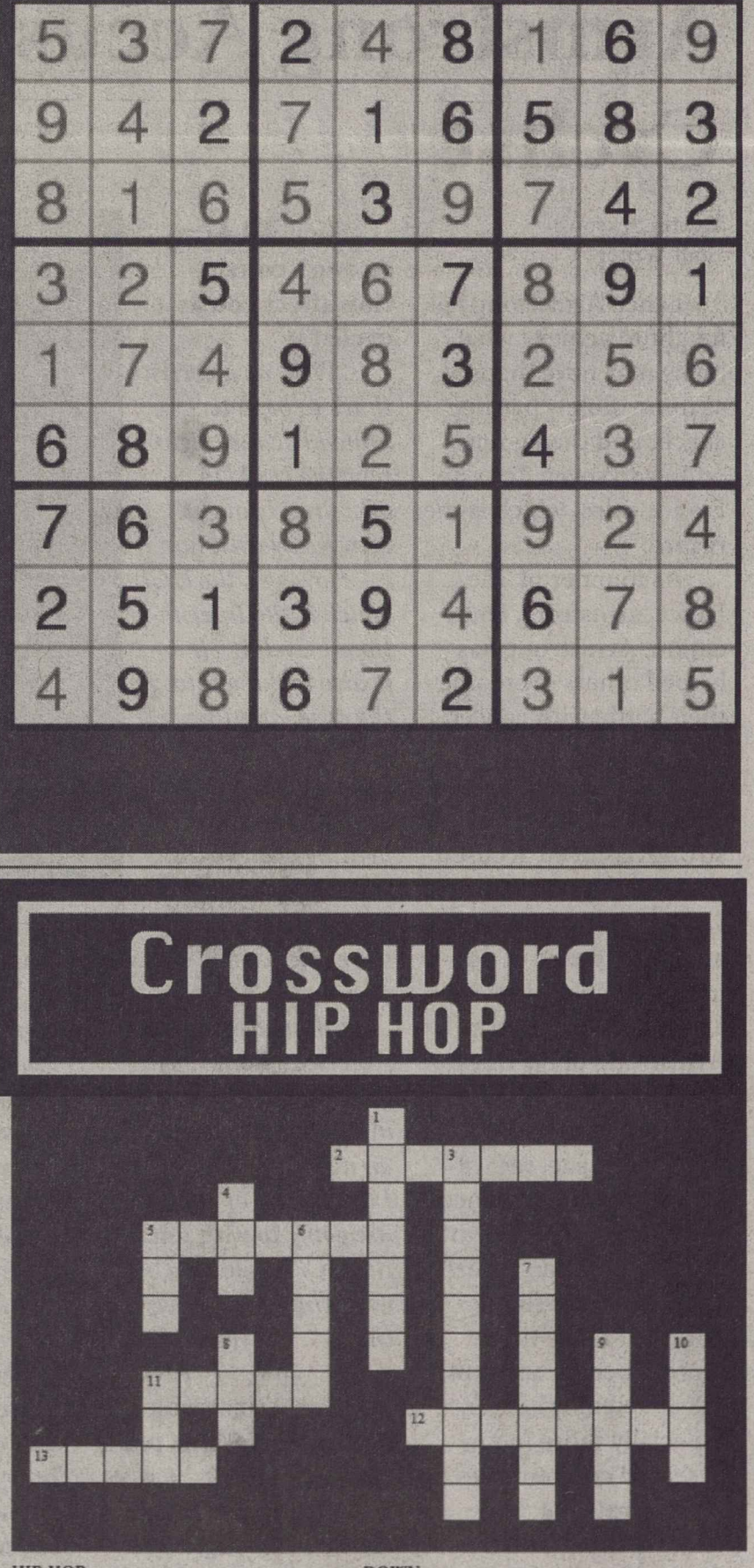

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6 Who Framed _____ Rabbit?
8 Winnie the Pooh's responsible friend.
11 Looney Tunes.
13 Bambi's best friend.
14 Worked as a sheriff in a Western setting called Hoop 'n' Holler.
15 Jack rabbit with antelope horns.

DOWN
2 Superhero from Arthur.
3 Choclate milk.
4 Bug's girlfriend.
5 Silly rabbit, _____ are for kids.
7 The 7 foot tall apocalyptic rabbit from Donnie Darko.
9 From the Uncle Remus stories.
10 Vampire rabbit in book by Deborah and James Howe.
12 Arthur's rabbit friend.

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SGA Celebrates the Passing of Campus Events and Alcoholic Beverages Policy

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This past Tuesday, September 18, 2012 the Student Government Association (SGA) announced the passage of the Campus Events and Alcoholic Beverages policy.

This policy was drafted in August of 2011 in an effort to allow a third party vendor at the Maroon and White: Pride Since 1825! Homecoming festivities.

Throughout the past year, the Student Government Association has talked with school staff and administrators about the policy, and the best steps to take to ensure its success.

This past week Dr. Rowe presented the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees with the newest draft of the policy, and they decided to approve it in full.

The implementation and implications of the policy will still have further review at the upcoming committee meetings of the full board.

The policy reads that campus organizations can apply to have a third party vendor at their on campus events with permission from the Student Life Office.

Similar procedures are in place for other community members with faculty seeking their permission from the Provost, and outside community members seeking approval from the Department of Public Safety.

Requests will have to be made ten days in advance to secure approval.

So what does this actually mean for Centenary?

Events like the Homecoming tailgate will have a third party vendor where individuals age 21 and above will be able to purchase alcohol.

However, it is very important to remember that the residence hall policies referring to the possession and consumption of alcohol still apply.

SGA is very excited to be able to roll out this student-led initiative at the 2012 Homecoming festivities, GentFest, which will be held October 31st-November 4th.

This will be the first time students can access the policy.

After this time frame, students will be able to make requests to the Office of Student Development for third party vendors to be accessible at their events.

SGA would love more feedback on your thoughts about this policy, and other policy concerns that you would like for us to address to centenarycollegesga@gmail.com .

Diversity on Campus:

The "Twitter Incident"

Ellen Orr & Karley Aiken
Section Editors

A few weeks ago, rumors spread about a conversation on Twitter between two underclassmen.

The conversation included negative representation of Centenary College, as well as harsh statements about students' views of transgender individuals.

Many students were confused and upset about the conversation, particularly that the students didn't feel the need to use discretion with their private conversation.

Adrian Capello, a Centenary sophomore and out transgender student, found out about the "incident" and felt humiliated – he felt that the conversation was aimed towards him.

One statement the students involved making fun of a trans student who wears bowties as a part of his regular outfit.

Adrian responded to this incident by saying,

"I feel thankful that this event and such speech is being brought to light. It pointed two things out to me:

1. People notice my bowties.

2. We need to work on communication in order to eliminate ignorance. It is not enough to have a diverse student body. The only way we learn is through communication with each other about these issues."

Chaplain Reverend Betsy Eaves was with a group of students when she found out about the incident.

She and the students came up with an alternate trend: "#centenaryloves."

"What impresses me most about the idea of a different Twitter (trend)," Rev. Eaves wrote in an email to a distraught student, "is that it doesn't attack hate with hate. I hope you will let your voice be heard. I hope you will join the voice of a different Centenary, a Centenary that loves."

"People have opinions that make me angry, but what matters is how I respond to them," Rev. Eaves said.

"It's up to your generation to reclaim the ability to disagree civilly. If you want things to be different, be different. It is you, the students, who have the greatest power to make the voice of respect and honor the loudest voice."

President Dr. David Rowe feels similarly.

"I was shocked and dismayed and disappointed that members of our community would take to a public forum to disparage individuals within our community for whatever reason," he said.

"(But) I'm equally pleased that something like this doesn't go unnoticed, that there are students who are willing to stand up and say to others, 'That's not okay.'"

Dr. Rowe responded to the incident with a global email promoting the values of community and justice, as well as encouraging students to think before speaking or typing.

Diversity Advocates

Dr. David Brownholland
Contributing Writer

The Centenary Faculty and students believe that we must diversify our faculty in order to further our constant goal of improving the education provided by Centenary.

Diversity within the faculty is important for several reasons.

First, faculty with a variety of backgrounds bring diverse experiences and perspectives to the college that are necessary to fully explore the challenges we face as a society; this is especially pertinent considering Centenary's redesigned core curriculum around the 21st century challenges.

Furthermore, a diverse faculty with a wide range of past experiences and perspectives will better represent and mentor a diverse student body.

In addition, the ability to recruit top faculty talent is crucial to the long-term success of any college and a diverse faculty is important to prospective faculty members.

Therefore, Centenary's lack of faculty diversity may diminish our ability to hire the best professors.

The faculty, recognizing this deficiency in our own ranks, has made changes to how we search and hire new faculty.

As part of a 5-year trial, which began last year, a faculty member is assigned the role of diversity advocate.

This diversity advocate serves on all new faculty searches as a non-voting member.

The diversity advocate works with each search committee to ensure appropriate measures are in place to encourage applications from candidates from diverse backgrounds, guarantee that all candidates are given a full and fair review, and help recruit the candidate that the committee recommends.

I stepped into this position last fall as Centenary's first diversity advocate.

My major focus in the first year was to standardize best practices to be used in this position.

In addition to the changes previously described, several other changes were made in the hiring process of faculty members.

First and foremost, we have begun anonymously tracking candidate's self-identification of their gender, race, ethnicity, disability and veteran status.

This allows us to assess the success of the diversity advocate over time and help direct changes in policy and practice of hiring faculty candidates.

Further, we have standardized the practice of advertising positions in publications geared towards professionals with diverse backgrounds.

We are also ensuring faculty candidates who are brought to campus for interviews meet one-on-one with the diversity advocate and members of the Diversity Committee.

This can reassure prospective candidates that

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Letter from the Editor: TIME

Andrea Violet
Editor in Chief

Every person demands it.

Every person possesses it. Most people want more of it. No, I am not talking about money. What I am speaking of, my friends, is time.

The most infinite of all resources, it is also the most scarce.

Like other resources, we take time for granted.

However, the difference between time and other resources is the infinite amount of different ways in which it can be spent.

Between school, family, work, friends, extracurricular activities, social engagements, and relationships, we find ourselves running short of this particular resource quite often.

As college students, we feel pressure to succeed. Stress levels are up. Depression rates are up. Mental illness rates are up.

We need to do an overhaul, as students, concerning how we utilize our precious resource of time.

Prioritizing is done one of two ways.

One way (the way most college students do it) is to please everyone including our parents, and never say no.

The second is to truly evaluate what means the most to us and why, and plan our time accordingly.

This second way of prioritizing is the most healthy for the long run because it allows us to succeed at work and in school, while still allowing us to make time for things that sustain us and keep us happy.

One of the largest learning curves in college is not of the academic nature, as you will figure out if you have not already.

It is that of learning about ourselves, who we truly are, what makes us happy, and learning that we do not live in an impenetrable bubble sequestered away from the rest of humanity.

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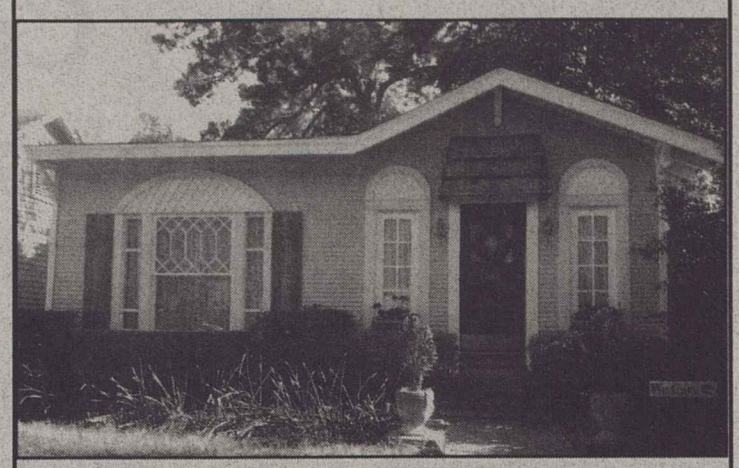

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Family Matters:
Recollection of Dillard
Students' Visit

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

It seems as if it were only yesterday when Centenary opened up their doors and arms to the 150 Dillard students and staff as Hurricane Isaac blew across the gulf coast.

Isaac may have put a damper on most of Louisiana, but the spirits were high at Centenary College.

The Sister schools came together multiple nights as family for diversity-themed socials.

Events such as My Sister Institution allowed students from different cultures and backgrounds to come together and share their own personal journeys to where they are today.

Students shared their questions, values, and aspirations with many students.

The event was well managed to where students were always in rotation and could share these ideas in a safe environment.

Dillard's Executive Director of Residence life and Student Union Chris Cameron said, "Events like these are all about building community... there are no right or wrong answers, no judgment, and we create an environment in which everyone feels safe to share opinions openly."

One of Centenary's bright leaders Jordan Ring added her thoughts about the diversity social gatherings between schools.

"My Sister Institution was a very unique, exciting exercise. Many of us had questions as to why our two schools were sister institutions. I think what many students found most surprising were not the differences between us but the number of similarities' we shared both in values and college experiences."

Ring and other leaders were part of yet another successful event, Diversity Welcome Reception.

The conversations flowed through the 2910 building as students, faculty, and staff came together and created a better relationship between schools.

The community and college really became one during their six day visit.

Miss Louisiana Lauren Vizza and Shreveport Mayor Cedric Glover came by during the Dillard students' stay at Centenary.

The Dillard students resumed classes on September 4th and not only carry their backpacks on their first day, but a new understanding of the great culture that Centenary College of Louisiana offers.

UPs & DOWNS

Leadership Conference
Make a difference in your own life and others around you!

FREE CONDOMS!!!
Free condoms, but how do we get to them? 1.5 world problems.

FREE Pie
Nom, nom, nom for Strawn's pie. Centenary Proud!

Cancelled Games
Rain, rain go away!

No Condom Dispensers
Free condoms, but nowhere to put them! 1st world problems.

Allergies...
Allergies....or the Centenary plague?

Fitness Center Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
7:00 am	-	-	-	-
7:15 am	Power Pump	Total Body	Power Pump	Total Body
11:15 am	-	Boot Camp	-	Boot Camp
Noon	Pilates	Yoga	Pilates	Yoga
4:35 pm	-	-	-	-
5:00 pm	-	-	-	-
5:30 pm	Spin/Abs	Zumba	Spin/Abs	Zumba
6:30 pm	-	Body Sculpt	-	Body Sculpt
7:00 pm	Karate	-	Karate	

Fall Hours
Mon-Thu: 6am - 10pm
Fri: 6am - 6pm
Sat: Noon - 6pm
Sun: 2pm - 6pm

Pool Hours
Mon-Fri: 8am - 2pm
Mon-Thu: 8pm - 10pm
Sat: 12pm - 4pm
Sun: 2pm - 4pm

NEWS

Node Makes Appearance at Digifest South Conference

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Node is a brand new Living Learning Community (LLC) at Centenary and working to develop an identity both on campusandinthecommunity.

A good first step was a few weeks ago at a conference in Bossier known as Digifest South.

This event, held Sept. 7-9, is an annual digital arts festival, tech expose, and career fair that celebrates how digital technology has combined with artistic creativity to shape our modern society.

This description pretty much matches what Node is trying to achieve as well, and was fitting to have a presence at the conference.

Other booths present this weekend included: LSUS's Digital Media Certificate Program, the Robison Film Center, Sci-Port, Bossier Parrish Community College, CoHabitat, Moonbot, and PixelDash Studios.

Many students volunteered to work a booth that described what Node is and how partnerships could potentially be developed for future projects.

The professors of Node also gave a presentation, known as TEDx, which explained Node's mission as a class and community at Centenary.

The professors speaking were Dr. Loren Demerath, Professor Jessica Hawkins, Dr. Michelle Glaros, and Dr. Mark Goadrich. Professor Hawkins began by talking about design and how it can be used for social change and help underserved nonprofits.

Dr. Glaros transitioned into explaining Service Learning and critical media literacy.

Community was the next component discusssed, which Dr. Demerath picked up and connected how technology relationships connect people.

A big focus here was how, "focused interactions lead to meaningful action" (Demerath).

Dr. Goadrich wrapped up the presentation by discussing how game design can be a problem solver.

He made references to several games or apps he created in recent years with help from students like "Pherophone" in 2010.

Their presentation helped give the audience a good idea about what Node was working to achieve.

Node is defined as, "A point at which lines or pathways intersect or branch; a central or connecting point."

This is one of the main reasons why this name was chosen for this Living Learning Community.

One of the big traits for this LLC is having professors and students from a variety of backgrounds and working together on projects that achieve social change.

Each person in Node brings something unique to the group, and as the semester goes on there should be more of an idea of what Node will be bringing to the community.

Digifest South was a great first step for Node and hopefully other partnerships will develop from it. Regardless it was a great experience for Node.

Diversity

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...Centenary College values diversity, as well as provide a safe place for candidates to ask sensitive questions that they may feel uncomfortable asking in regular interviewing situations, but which are important for their decision to join the Centenary community.

We hope that these measures will begin to address the lack of faculty diversity at Centenary College.

In the meantime, the Diversity Committee recognizes that this work alone is unlikely to solve the problem and continues to develop new proposals and policies that will help address this urgent need.

Please feel free to email me at dbrownholland@centenary.edu with any suggestions on this issue or other issues of diversity.

PACE Film Festival: Margaret Cho

Karley Aiken
News Editor

There are few events in Shreveport that can gather a mass amount of queers in one area.

Margaret Cho, special guest of the PACE Film Festival, performing at the Municipal Auditorium turned out to be one of those rare events.

As soon as the doors opened, queer couples and singletons flooded the auditorium that was once Elvis Presley's playground.

Very quickly, the floor filled capacity with excited comedy fans, particularly faux-hawk sporting, vest-wearing queers.

Though Cho is known primarily for her outrageous stand-up, she is also an actress, author, singer-songwriter, and fashion designer.

She was recently nominated for an Emmy for her performance as Kim Jong-il in 30 Rock, and she is currently touring her latest comedy set "MOTHER" nationally.

After her performance, Cho visited backstage with a handful of local journalists – including me.

I was able to ask her a few questions about her life, her work, her on-stage bluntness, and who she will be voting for this election.

Those who aren't familiar with Margaret Cho might not understand why it was such an honor to host her in Shreveport.

But performers like her don't drop in often. Not only is she a well-known comedian and actress, she is also a self-proclaimed bisexual, pro-LGBT, and her work is strongly influenced by her Korean heritage.

She is also known for her completely open and honest relationship with her audience.

Cho makes the awkward realities of life humorous and voices them in ways that we, as easily embarrassed individuals, can't and wouldn't dare to.

Opening her act, Cho jokes about how the Shreveport community responds whenever she visits – "I can't believe you came to Shreveport," she mimics (with an exaggerated southern accent).

"Thank you so much for coming to Shreveport...WHY did you come to SHREVEPORT?"

Cho always incorporates interactively with her audience.

She says that it makes the show very unique to the place and that people here are really conservative in a way that's really darling.

Although Shreveport, and the south in general, does seem to be a fairly conservative area, most of the people that attend Cho's shows know what kind of topics and views to expect, generally sharing most viewpoints with her.

Cho feels strongly about this.

"Nothing is really off limits as long as it's not mean or offensive...some things require more finesse."

The performance did focus on LGBT humor, including jokes about "bears," "queens," and "fag hags," as well as political and self-deprecating humor.

Cho doesn't censor herself with subjects like politics.

She will be voting to re-elect President Barack Obama this election year. She hopes to work on the campaign as well.

Cho also mentioned the Chick-Fil-A incident that blew up over the summer.

"I can't believe they hate gay marriage...What is that? Who cares? To deny a gay man the right to bridal registry?"

She claimed that the south has received an overall bad reputation because of many southerners' extreme conservative views.

But every time she's visited, she insists, it's been "so gay!"

Though some may not agree that Shreveport has a large LGBT community, we sure have been able to make a positive impression on Margaret Cho.

And her fans were not let down; Margaret Cho kicked off an amazing week of PACE Festival films and revived fans with humor celebrating diversity.

Around campus: *"Cool off in the FROST"*

Each year, all majors in the business school and those students interested in business or economics are invited to the Frost School of Business ice cream social.

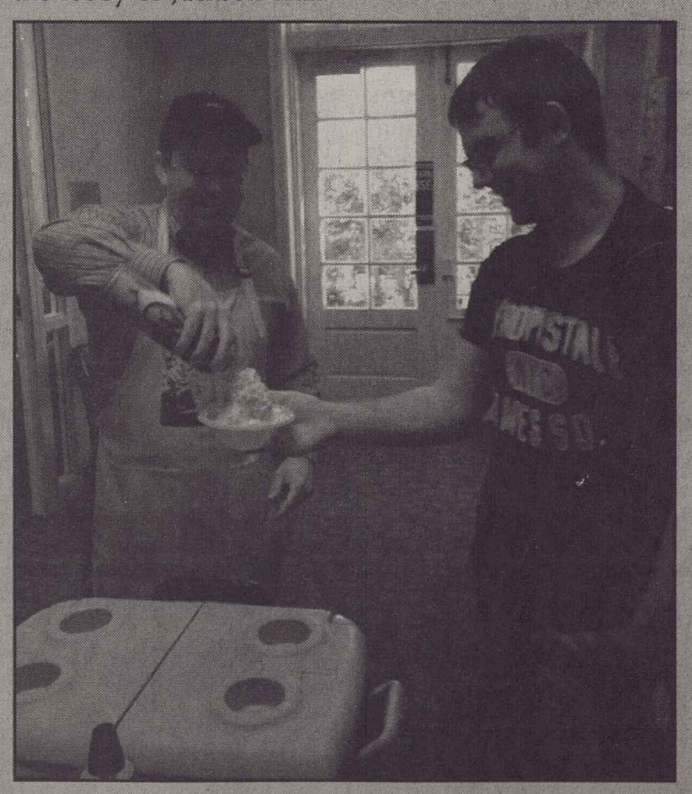
The professors in the school of business along with Dean Martin, wearing nice Frost School of Business aprons, scoop ice cream for the students in the lobby of Jackson Hall.

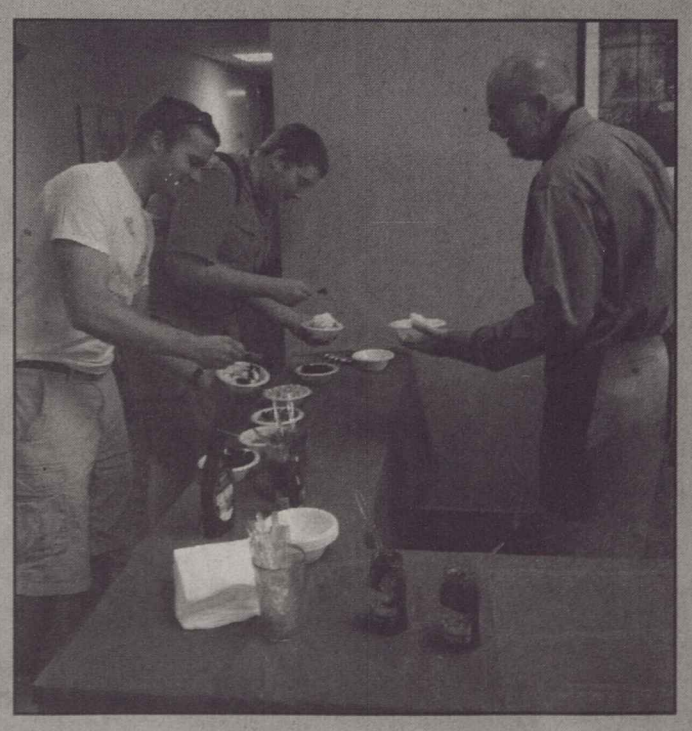
They also have a plethora of toppings available with the ice cream.

This year it ranged from candy corns to oreos to gummy bears.

The School of Business always have sugar free ice cream on hand as well.

If you missed out on this "cool" and "chilled" event, don't worry because there's always next year!





LIFE

Artist in Spotlight: *Krista McKinney*

Ellen Orr
Life Editor

If you don't know senior art and film major Krista McKinney by name just yet, open your eyes and you're sure to spot her—in her army green cargo pants and Invisible Children t-shirts, always toting her bright, multicolored backpack, always smiling.

She's the founding member of the Schools for Schools organization on campus and a member of the Greenhouse, and yet, she still finds time for her art.

McKinney does sketch drawings, oil pastel pieces, and paint-on-canvas pieces—classic and timeless media.

She is also a filmmaker, collage creator, and gourd painter.

She has been drawing and painting as long as she can remember, but her film career did not begin until age 15 when she started making short films with her friends in high school.

At 17, she was on a student film team sponsored by Samsung Mobile Fresh Films.

At 19, she was on a team sponsored by Sprite Refreshing Films (her team's leading actress was Jennifer Stone, who is now a star of Disney Channel's "Wizards of Waverly Place").

Now that she's pursuing a double-major as well as being active in campus organizations, McKinney only makes short films on the side but stays busy with videography (of events, training videos, etc.) and school assignments.

These days, McKinney considers oil pastels her "go-to" medium.

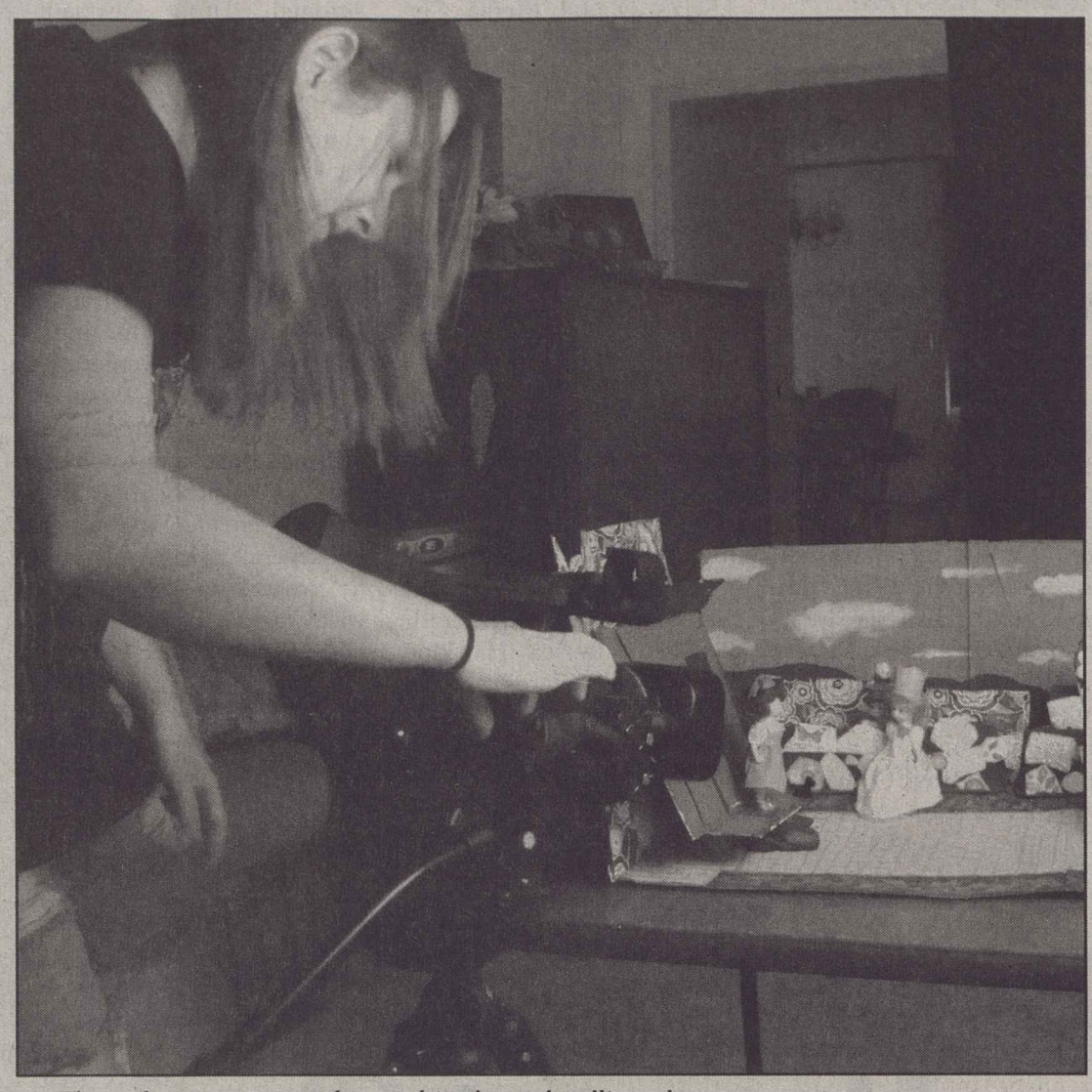
Her newest work, which has been mainly inspired by nature, has been made possible by much more than pastels and paper.

"I take a lot of pictures on my phone whenever I see something I like," she said.

"Then when I have an itch to use pastels or a pencil, I've got an album on my computer waiting to be used as inspiration."

When she's not masterfully recreating noteworthy scenes and creatures, McKinney can be found "upcycling"—she creates collages with items like candy wrappers and clothing tags.

And as for her gourds? She studies them intently until she can envision what the gourd already looks like.



Then she goes to work with a paintbrush and pallet to transform it into that vision.

In many of them, she sees a striking resemblance to Santa Claus—and is considering making Santas in multitude and selling them around the winter holidays.

If you're interested in pre-ordering, you can contact the artist at kmckinney@my.centenary.edu.

Real Talk: Safe Sex

Cara Lavender
Staff Writer

As much as people do not want to talk about it, almost all living creatures have sex.

It doesn't matter how intelligent you are, how many atoms you're composed of, what your purpose is: generally, everything that is alive reproduces.

Let's talk about humans. Humans are given the choice (or should be) whether or not they reproduce or engage in sexual activity.

Unfortunately, sexual activity comes with sacrifice and the occasional complication.

For the purpose of this article we will assume that all people choosing to have sex want to do it safely.

There are many ways that people having sex can so, regardless of sexual orientation or gender.

People choosing to participate in safe sex are doing so to protect themselves from contracting HIV/AIDS, other sexually transmitted infections and diseases, and to prevent pregnancy.

There are many different ways to insure your health when it comes to sex.

The first, and most obvious, option is abstinence.

Abstinence is truly the only way you can be sure not to get pregnant or contract a disease.

Another option is non-penetrative activities.

This route involves kissing, mutual masturbation, and petting.

While this can prevent pregnancy and most STDs, you still run the risk of contracting skin-to-skin contact infections such as herpes.

A third option is barrier protection.

Various barriers are used to prevent contact with bodily fluids exchanged during sexual activities.

Barriers include condoms, female condoms, and dental dams (to be used during oral sex).

Other ways to lessen the risk of exposure to infections and diseases is to be monogamous (to be with only one partner), or at least to reduce the number of partners you engage with.

There are also a few available immunizations (HPV vaccination, for example).

It is highly recommended for sexually-active individuals go in for annual STD testing or annual gynecological appointments, even if they feel that everything is normal.

Some infections can go unnoticed for quite sometime.

Vasectomies, birth control methods, and tubal ligations do not protect against STDs and STIs.

Love yourself and love each other.

8X "Drinc-ulator"

Ben Sanchez
Business Manager

This week we are getting back to the basics.

It is time to try something that your great-grandfather ordered back in a speakeasy.

It is the cocktail of Don Draper from "Mad Men" and has its roots in a gentlemen's club.

The drink of the week is The Old Fashioned.

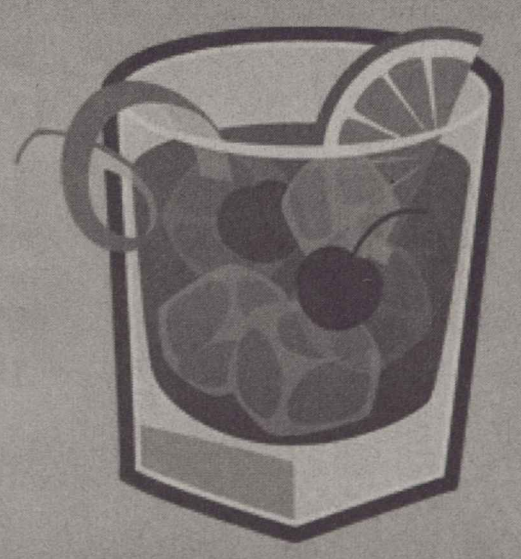
The Old Fashioned utilizes a bitter known as Angostura, which is a combination of gentian root, water, and vegetable extracts created in Trinidad and Tobago and contains about 46% alcohol by volume.

The IBA designation of an Old Fashioned is as follows:

40 mL Bourbon, Scotch, or Rye Whiskey
1 sugar cube
2 dashes of Angostura bitters
A splash of water

A standard garnish of an orange and lemon slices are added as well as two maraschino cherries on a toothpick.

Note: This drink is usually served in an "Old Fashioned Glass."



LIFE

"It" GUY WITH BOWTIES

Adrian Capello
Staff Writer

I am sure that many of you are aware about "the Twitter incident."

I see this as an opportunity to discuss a group of identities that is hardly discussed in the world, especially on this campus.

I am just one person who is "transgendered."

I am not the only transgendered person you have met or will meet.

I am just out and proud about it (just like I am proud of my academic accomplishments and to be a Centenary student).

To me, identifying as transgendered comes with some acceptance that the world unfortunately operates on a gender binary.

This means that when you cross that binary or vary it in anyway, society immediately coins you as something "taboo," the elephant in the room, and the thing you should never talk about or become.

Hence, using speech designed to distance you from others such as "it," "strange," or a word that has historically promoted violence, "tranny."

However, we should not just ignore it. We should discuss it. If we don't discuss it, we only leave room for more ignorance.

There are a lot of great things about being transgendered and an awful lot to be thankful for.

When asked, I personally never say that I have lived life as both female and male.

Yes, I have been perceived as female and male in my lifetime.

And yes, it has given me insight about how gender works in our society.

However, the fact of the matter is that I have always been male, but I was born with female parts . . . And this makes people uncomfortable.

One of the privileges of being a part of a diverse community like Centenary is learning from each other.

Therefore, we should talk about why this makes people feel uncomfortable.

Personally, I see being transgendered as a medical issue—something to be discussed with professors when I have to miss lecture for endocrinologist appointments and surgeries.

For others, it might take time and effort in order to come to a level of comfortableness, acceptance, and embracement.

One of the main lessons I learned from being out about being transgendered is that not talking about things leads to ignorant or sometimes even hateful comments.

These comments then sometimes lead to hate-driven actions (sometimes even violence).

The most dangerous thing we could do as a community is not talk about issues that are "the elephant in the room."

It's also important that we recognize that each member of our community has multiple facets of their identity. T

hat is, I am not just some guy who is transgendered who wears bow ties. I am also a student, friend and brother.

In order to do my part in eliminating ignorance on Centenary's campus, I want to share some insight about what it is like to be transgendered on this campus, in the workplace, and even the world.

> *If we don't discuss it, we only leave room for more ignorance... Approach whatever makes you feel uncomfortable, and address why you have hateful opinions or why someone else would have hateful opinions.*
> - Adrian Capello

Let's start with common misconceptions.

1. Your biological parts make you a man or a woman.

Many of you may never believe otherwise. To you, I pose this question. If a cisgender man (cisgender is the opposite of transgender) got in a car accident, and for some reason got his penis cut off, is he still a "man"?

2. Your gender is your sex.

Your 'sex' is what the doctor declares you when you are born. Oftentimes, it is based off of your genitalia.

Your 'gender' is often made up of your gender expression and identity. It is how you fit into gender categories. It can be defined by you and you only. Not by others.

3. Your gender expression and/or identity is your sexual orientation.

Your gender expression is how you dress, act, etc., and often how you are perceived by others (feminine, masculine, androgynous).

Your gender identity is how you identify. Which can be man, woman, both, neither, etc., because it is your own personal feelings about yourself. And everyone should respect that.

Your sexual orientation is how you identify when it comes to whom you normally date, have sexual relations with, etc.

4. There is just one surgery to change your sex.

I wish! The truth is that there are several surgeries that trans-people may or may not undergo.

All are expensive, and patients usually have to undergo several screenings in order to undergo such surgeries. It's up to them, though. Everyone has the right to his or her own body.

5. Surgery is all there is to transition.

"Transition" can be split up into two simple categories: social and physical.

Social: this usually involves "coming out," asking others to use different pronouns, being out about their new identity.

Physical: the expensive process of taking hormones, hormone blockers, having surgeries—basically what transgender patients do in order to appear more masculine or feminine so that society perceives them the way they want to be perceived.

What are some everyday issues transgender people struggle with?

1. Voting registration/ID laws
2. Airport security
3. Safe bathroom access.

What should we take from all of this?

1. It is important to always ask questions if you are unsure about a certain person or group of people. We live in a world where information is just one search engine away.
2. Transgender people are just like everyone else. They are students, teachers, coworkers, family members, etc.
3. Don't be afraid to make mistakes and ask "ignorant questions." We can learn and grow as a community from asking questions.
4. Don't tokenize. See everyone as having complex layers of identities, and don't let just one thing dominate what you think about that person.
5. Just having a diverse campus doesn't help us grow. We need to initiate conversations.

Engage with students you wouldn't normally talk to; this is how the world becomes a better place.

6. Most importantly, do not take things at surface value.

Approach whatever makes you feel uncomfortable, and address why you have hateful opinions or why someone else would have hateful opinions.

Centenary is my home. I feel safe and comfortable here, and that doesn't change due to ignorance.

I encourage everyone to treat Centenary like his or her home. Treat your classmates like siblings, even if their physical appearances or beliefs make you feel uncomfortable.

'This issue' is not going away. Diversity will continue to be an important aspect of all of our careers.

And how you address situations like this will always define your character.

Tune-Age: Of Montreal

Cara Lavender
Staff Writer

Of Montreal is a band out of Athens, Georgia started by their front man Kevin Barnes after a failed relationship with a Montrealer woman.

Their eccentric clothing choices, theatrical live performances and raw lyrics keep listeners coming back for more.

I was introduced to Of Montreal several years ago when I thought I was a hippie.

Unlike most things from that period of my life, these guys have stuck with me.

It could be the brain-eating pigs on-stage, or the businessman with a dinosaur head that comes out with a shop-vac spewing pink feathers into the audience.

Either way, I can't seem to stop driving hours to see their concerts.

It is always an experience.

Of Montreal really puts on a show.

When it all began in 1996, this group did not sound quite as wild as they do now.

Their first album, "Cherry Peel," is very accessible to listeners, with simple lyrics and music—unlike their more recent stuff.

As their albums have progressed over the last sixteen years, Barnes has become more experimental—some might say to the point of the music being unlistenable.

The band has transformed over the years. The first few albums are lo-fi indie pop.

The middle years seem to have taken the band's sound and filled it out.

In 2004, with the release of "Satanic Panic in the Attic," the band acquired the sound we can hear today: electronic glam-rock while incorporating everything previous.

Lyrically, Of Montreal is ridiculous and wildly intellectual at the same time.

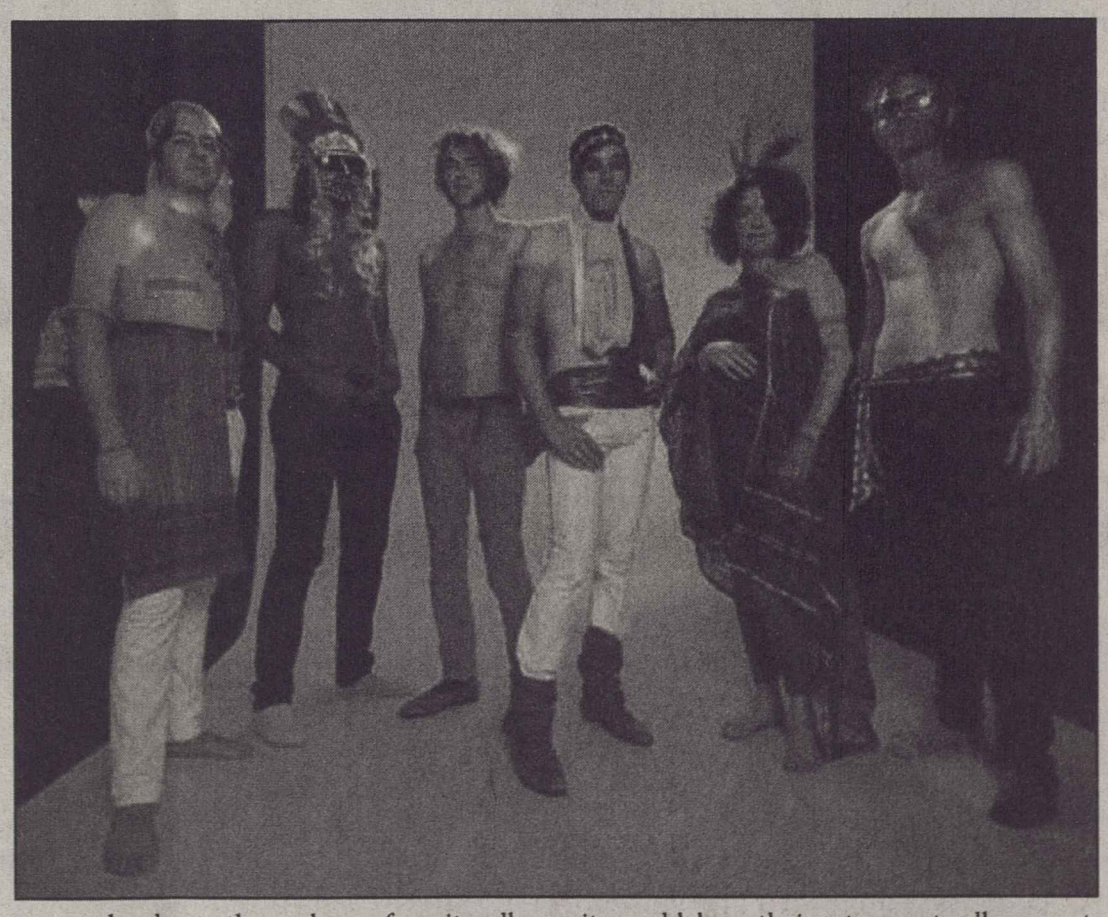
In their earlier albums, Barnes wrote a lot of satirical songs.

As the albums have progressed, he has introduced multiple characters that are revisited in other albums.

These are sometimes thought to be alter egos of Kevin himself.

Another characteristic of many of the songs is extremely depressing lyrics over upbeat, uplifting instrumentation.

Very few songs sound gloomy, but if you listen closely, the lyrics are often very deep.



The band has released eleven full-length albums, numerous EPs and experimental albums.

They have worked with a number of other artists including Janelle Monae. Barnes recently produced an album for Solange Knowles.

If I had to choose my favorite album, it would be "Skeletal Lamping," released in 2008. Disclaimer: This album is blatantly sexual and not for the faint of heart.

Of Montreal has been kicking it for sixteen years, releasing an album every one or two years.

Their fans are still trying to understand their 2012 release, "Paralytic Stalks"—their strangest album yet.

If you like a musical challenge, oftentimes-offensive lyrics and a dance party that might never end, check them out!

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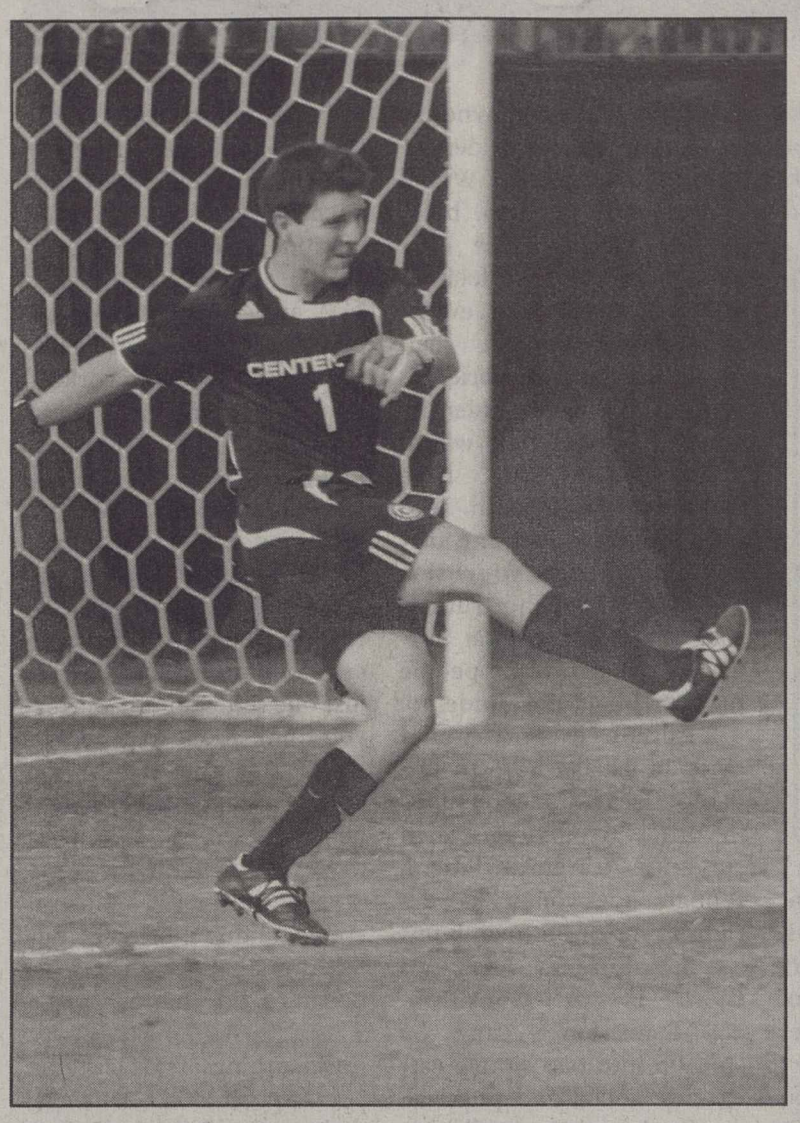
Gent's Rainy Weekend Leads to a Win



Dustin Sexon
Staff Writer

Gent's Soccer team won their first home game of the season against the Millsaps' Majors. After being rained out of their Friday game against Wiley College, the Gents sought a win.

In the 19th minute of the game Freshman Cullen Gallet scored his first collegiate goal assisted by Freshman Zack Kidder, bringing the Gents to a 1-nil lead over their opponent. The Gents held this lead the rest of the first half and most of the rest of the game.

The lead was lost in the closing minutes of regulation time. Millsaps Senior Chucky Hayden scored the tying goal from a corner kick for the Majors forcing the game into overtime.

Sophmore Gent's Captain Kellan Klaus had great things to say about the game.

"We came out and got an early goal from a Millsaps' corner. We tried holding on to the lead, but we couldn't produce another goal, which lead to the tying goal in the last few minutes of the second half (of regulation time). We rallied together in the overtime to pull off the victory with a nice finish by Spencer Nickerson."

Even during a forced overtime, after an unfortunate goal against the Gents, they dug deep and found the heart it took to come back and win, thanks to Senior Spencer Nickerson's goal in the 100th minute during the second half of overtime.

Senior Goalie Robbie Ramirez held onto the Gent's chance of still walking away with a win-- save after save.

"Yesterday's game was a great demonstration of how our team never gives up," he said.

"We let up a goal in the last minute of the game to let Millsaps tie it up, but then we came right back 15 minutes later in the second (period) of overtime to win the game. This was a much needed win and a great confidence booster to lead us into our first conference game this Friday," says Ramirez.

Spencer Nickerson said, "The game yesterday showed the perseverance of the team. It showed that we were able to withstand adversity to win the game in the end. And I hope it leads us into a win in the first conference game on Friday!"

The Gents play Friday, September 21st, against Austin College. Continue to support your Gents as they travel. Let's Go Gents! Good Luck!

Cross Country Running Hard

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

TYLER, Texas – Chad Nelson and Julie Hughes paved the way for all Centenary runners Friday night, but it was UT Tyler who ran away from the visiting teams as the host squads won the men's and women's UT Tyler Twilight Friday night.

Nelson finished in 17:32.10 and was 15th out of 70 runners, just over a minute behind UTT's Nicklas Huff's winning pace (16:23.82) in the 3.1-mile race (5k).

Miles McDonald finished close behind Nelson with a 17:57.13 finish placing 21st.

Horacio D'Agostino placed 37th running a personal best 19:39.84.

The two swimmers Andrew Borel (47th 21:08.42) and Cavett Feaze (48th 22:33.80) rounded up the men's team.

UT Tyler accounted for five of the top six finishes.

The Gents wrapped up a sixth-place finish in the season-opening meet while the Ladies tallied a fifth-place mar

Hughes finished just ahead of teammate Rachel Olson, who finished 17th. Hughes posted a 22:26.04 time, edging Olson at 22:47.59.

Christie Wolterman (30th 24:59.69) and Delilah Moreno (32th 26:06.24) helped the ladies score crucial points.

Hayley Schneider ran well finishing 40th with a time of 27:53.29. LeTourneau's Nicole Leman won the women's race in 19:21.68.

The Ladies and Gents traveled to Ruston, La for the Mook 4 race.

The conditions were very difficult to run because of all the rain that the course took this past week.

The men started off with a muddy 6k race.

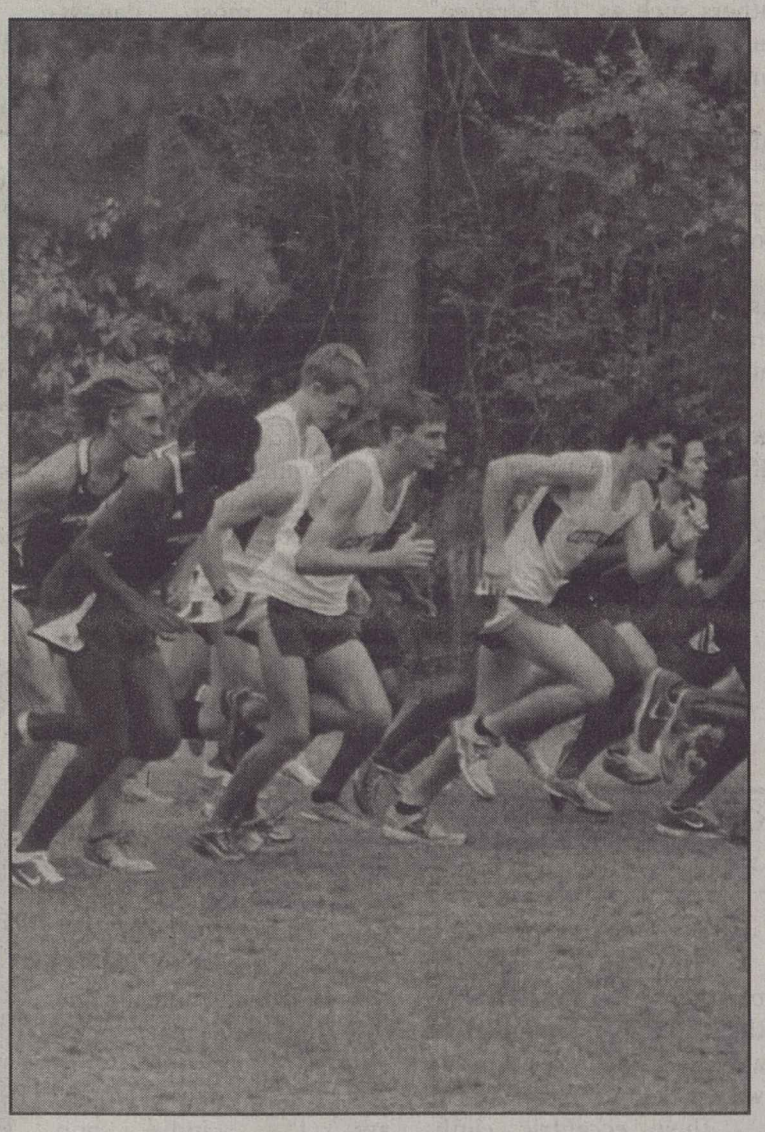
Miles McDonald led the Gents with a 21:58 placing 31st.

Nelson followed closely running two minutes faster than his 2011 race time with a 23:19 placing 46th.

Kellen Bullock (69th 28:11) and Cavett Feazel (70th 28:24) finished out the men's team.

The Gents and Ladies will be running in the annual Gator Run September 22nd.

The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Captain Shreve High School.



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SPORTS

NFL Update: Temporary refs, rough start

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

It is only two weeks into the season, and there have been some interesting match-ups so far, but it is still early to see how the records will unfold for teams.

There were plenty of close games, including a potential playoff match-up with Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The Eagles were able to escape with victory 24-23 on a late touchdown run by Michael Vick.

The Arizona Cardinals pulled an early season upset on the road over the New England Patriots, 20-18.

The Patriots were down early and gave a good comeback effort.

Another team that started out well but ended up losing was the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to the defending Super Bowl champions, the New York Giants, 41-34.

After looking good in their opener against New Orleans, the Washington Redskins couldn't make it two in a row as they fell 31-28 to the St. Louis Rams.

The New Orleans Saints continued to struggle as they fell to the Carolina Panthers 35-27.

The Indianapolis Colts got in the win column after a poor week 1 with at 23-20 win over the Vikings.

Houston remained undefeated with a 27-7 win over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

The Green Bay Packers looked solid in their rivalry match-up with the Chicago Bears in a 23-10 win.

The Dallas Cowboys fell even on the year after the Seattle Seahawks won 27-7 on their home turf.

The Atlanta Falcons took advantage of a struggling Peyton Manning, who threw 3 interceptions in a win over the Denver Broncos 27-21.

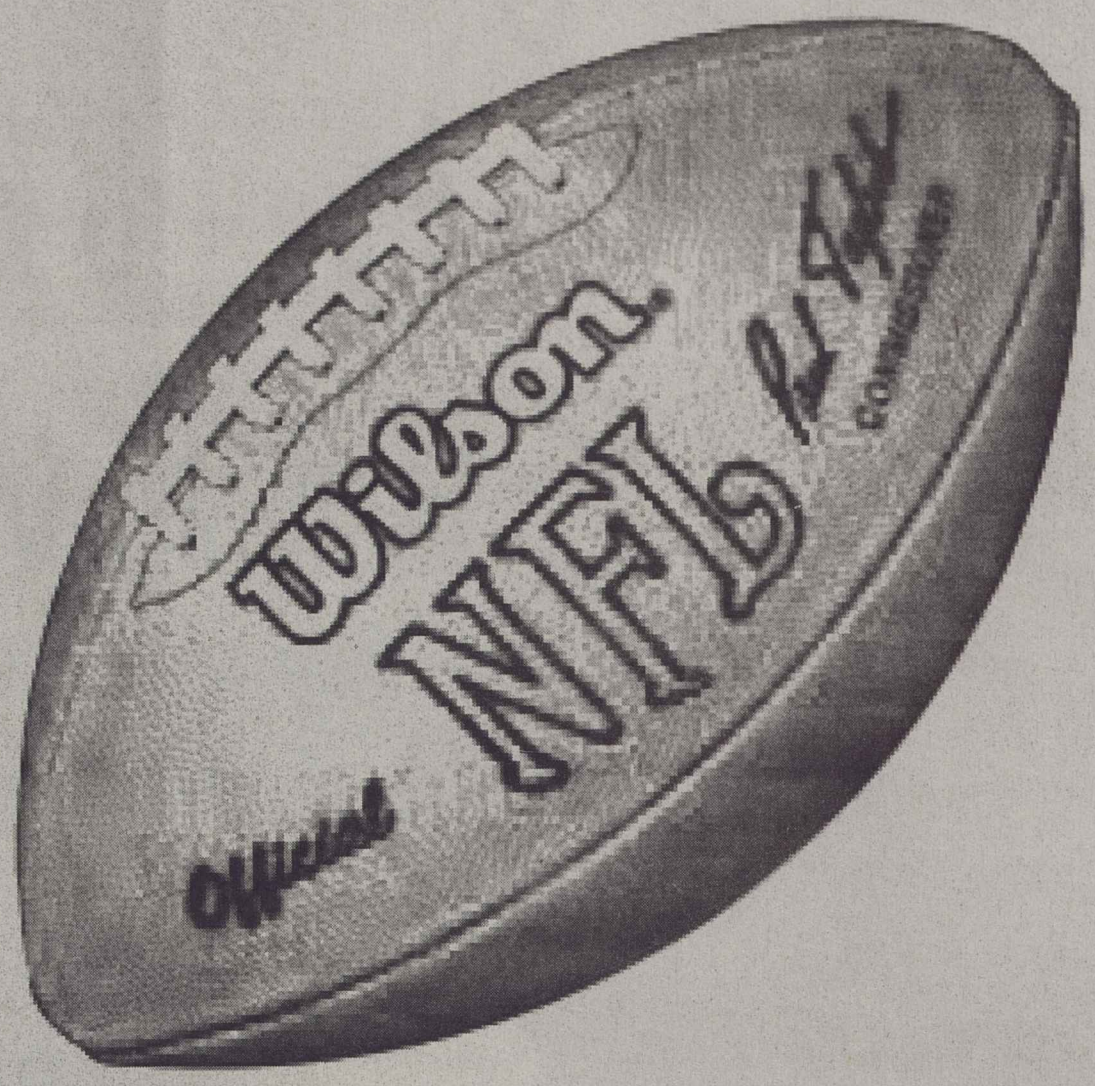
Wrapping up the scoreboard this weekend were some other solid matchups.

The Buffalo Bills got to .500 with a 35-7 win over the Kansas City Chiefs. Cincinnati won a close game over the Cleveland Browns at home as the Bengals beat them 34-27.

The Miami Dolphins routed the Oakland Raiders 35-13, and the Pittsburg Steelers blew out the New York Jets 27-10.

The San Francisco 49ers won 27-19 over the Detroit Lions, both of which could be factors into the playoffs again this year.

That is unknown however, because as always there will be surprises to where teams over- or under-perform, or an injury comes up.



Ladies Drop Home Openers

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

SHREVEPORT- The ladies gave the Mississippi Lady Choctaws a scare in the final game, but the ladies were not able to rally against the Choctaws in the second set falling to a tenth straight loss.

Centenary (0-10) was defeated in their home opener to Belhaven, 25-19, 25-9, 25-11, which followed by Belhaven's victory over Mississippi College, 25-17, 25-12, 25-20.

Centenary challenged Mississippi College to four sets, 19-25, 25-19, 15-25, 15-25, making this the third set the ladies have won this year.

Belhaven controlled the tri-match winning both of their games and improved to 7-2.

Mississippi College moved to 6-5 with their split in the games.

The Ladies will work hard in their practices until returning back to action with the second tri-match on September 18th against Texas Wesleyan and Wiley College here at the Gold Dome.

The ladies showed real promise in the second game against the Lady Choctaws.

Senior Jesi Wilcox had this to say following the two losses.

"It is a matter of keeping up the intensity on and off the court...to have the intensity and momentum carry on the court, we really need are plays to work. If we can get our plays to work, the momentum will be on our side and we will score points."

Talking to Head Coach Stenman after the game he said, "I feel like we're almost there. We aren't there obviously, and we have a lot of work to do, but I feel like we're starting to put some pieces together."

Freshman Rachel Perkins put up nine kills in the four set loss, leading the team with a .389 hitting average.

Brooke Balhlinger posted eight points but totaled 10 errors with 34 attacks.

Junior setter Beth Nuttal racked up 19 assists and Wilcox led the team with 20 digs.

The Ladies look to put a win under their belt against Texas Wesleyan and Wiley College.

> *"It is a matter of keeping up the intensity on and off the court"*
> -Senior Jesi Wilcox

College Football Wrap Up

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Hello football fans, if you have been keeping up with the NCAA season so far, then you know it has been a wild season for some teams already.

With it being the first year the BCS is implementing a four team playoff one game elimination, games take on a new meaning for teams looking for consideration being among those fighting to play in the playoffs for the

Title game in January. That is not the only new change happening in College Football this year. Texas A&M and Missouri are in the SEC, and USC is bowl eligible again after being put on sanctions for previous NCAA infractions.

Week 3 into the season provided some interesting match-ups for the Top 25 teams.

Defending champions, and still #1 ranked Alabama knocked off Arkansas 52-0, which continued a dismal start for the Razorbacks.

They were #5 last week, but lost to a small ULM team and suffered injuries, including the starting QB, to knock them out of the Top 25 early.

#2 USC got upsetted by Pac-12 rivals #21 Standford with a final of 21-14.

#3 LSU had no problems getting past Idaho in a 63-14 route, and #4 Oregon did the same with an identical score to Tennessee Tech.

While most of the top 10 handled business pretty smoothly, that wasn't the case for every team.

#10 Michigan State saw an upset at home as #20 Notre Dame won 20-3 to remain undefeated on the season.

Unranked Pittsburgh took advantage of homefield and beat #13 Virginia Tech with a final 35-17.

Utah held off a late rally by #25 BYU to win 24-21.

Some teams that avoided the upset barely were #12 Ohio State over California 35-28 at home and #19 Louisville over North Carolina 39-34.

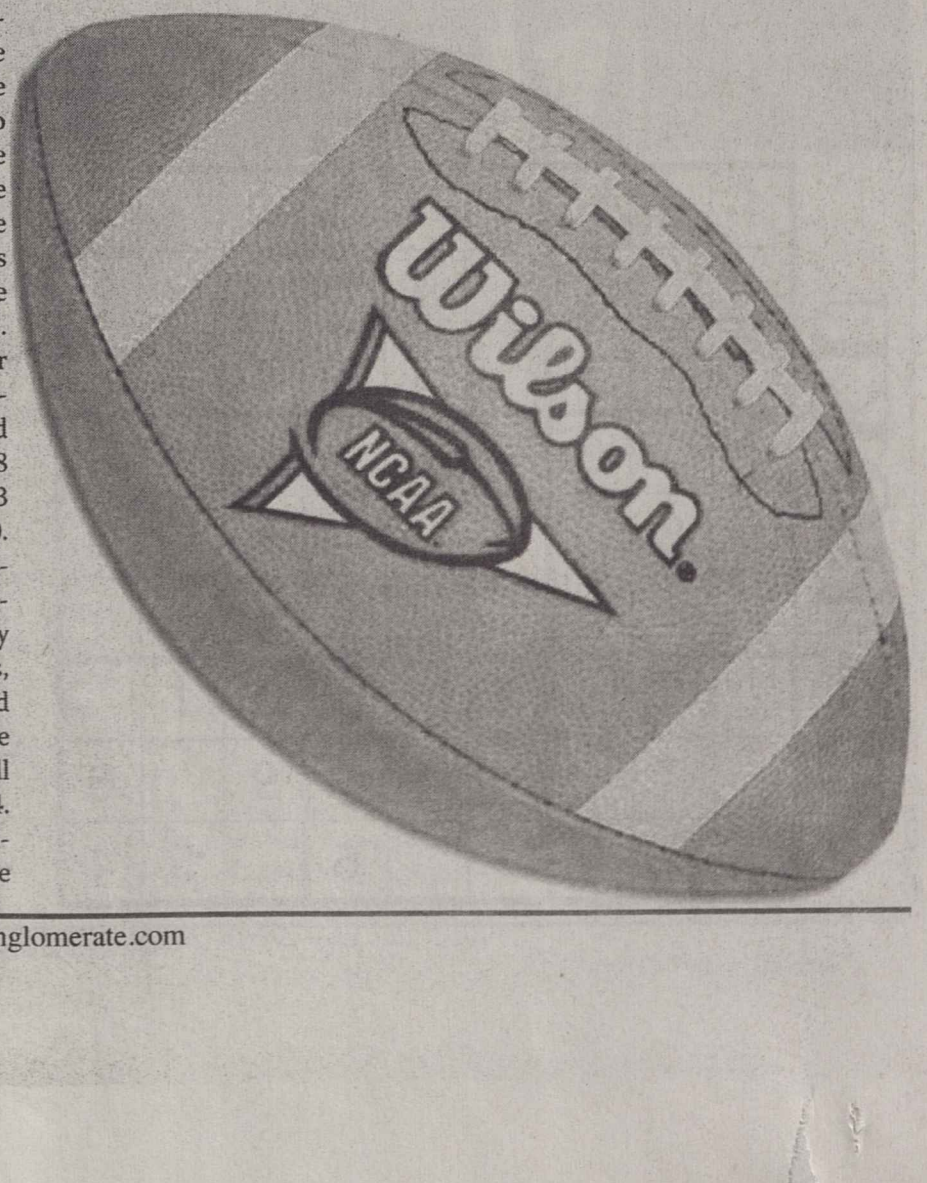
North Carolina did score 20 points in the fourth quarter, so like other close games, this one probably had the favored team's fans on the edge of their seats.

One other game featuring two ranked teams were #18 Florida over #23 Tennessee 37-20.

It is still non-conference action for many of these teams, but some did play conference this week or will during week 4.

It will be interesting to see how many teams can remain undefeated or how valuable these non-conference wins or loses are at the end when the bowl games are being determined.

Even more interesting will be how the top 4 teams are picked for the brand new playoff system.



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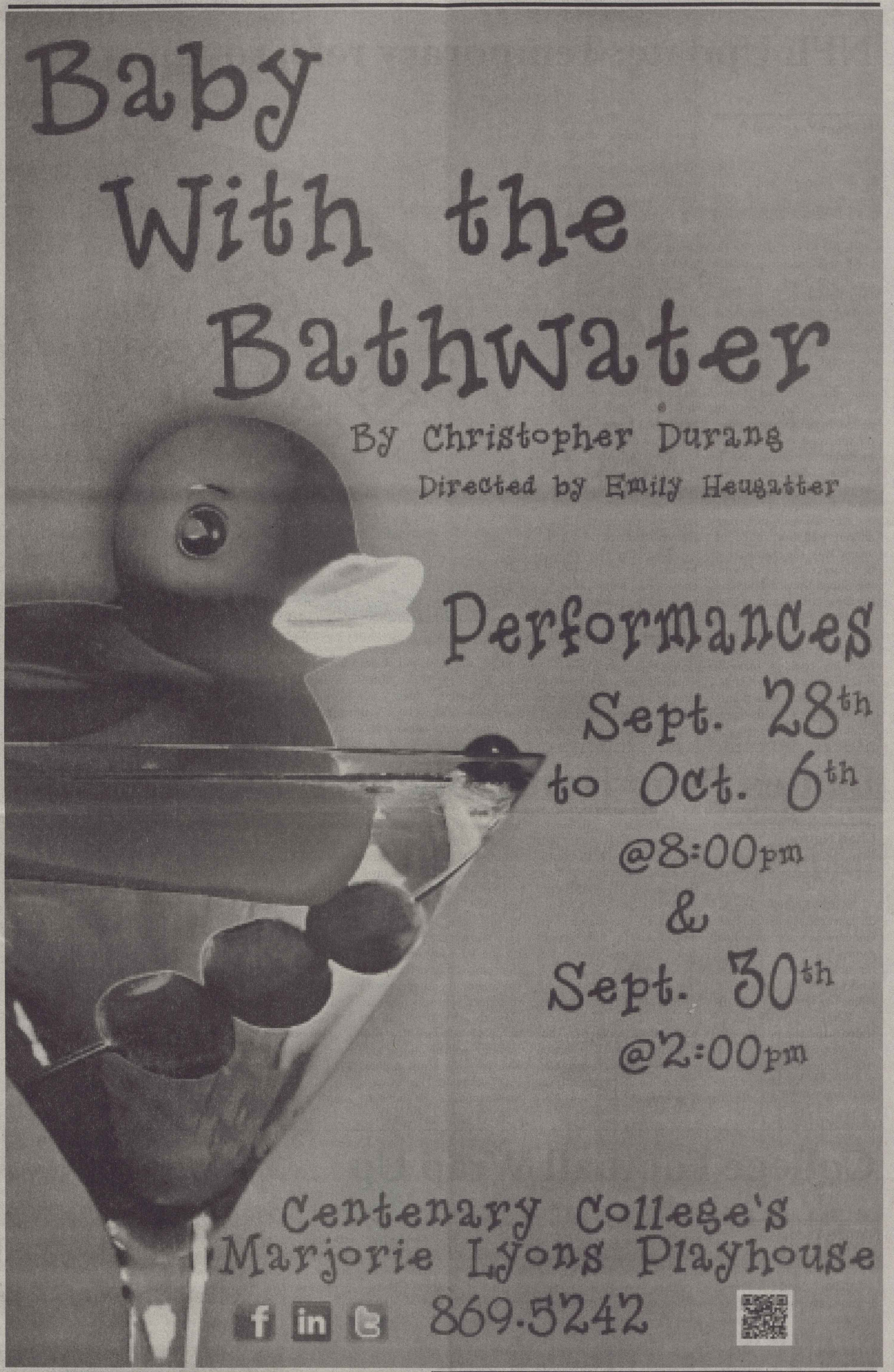

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Brain Drain

See if you can figure out these tricky word problems!

1. A woman gave birth to two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year but were not twins. How is this possible?
2. I have two U.S. coins that add up to fifty-five cents. One is not a nickel. What coins are they?
3. A certain five letter word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it. What is the word?
4. Forward I'm heavy, backwards I'm not. What am I?
5. Some months have 30 days. Some months have 31 days. How many months have 28 days?
6. A man was born in 1964 and died in 1984 at the age of 25. How is this possible?
7. Three large people try to crowd under one small umbrella, but nobody gets wet. How is this possible?

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Economics Class Goes Green

Ellen Orr
Life Editor

Imagine: students enter the Economics 105 classroom, sweaty from biking to class. They sip their water from aluminum bottles and power up their iPads so that they'll be ready to take notes when class begins.

Dr. Betsy Rankin soon appears at the front of the room and announces to the class that the homework assignments have been graded and returned via email.

Imagine no more—this is becoming a reality.

Econ 105, or "Economic Approach to Contemporary Issues," is a "Challenge Course."

In accordance with the new core curriculum, all students are required to complete one Challenge Course during their careers at Centenary.

However, the instructor has some leeway as to what the "challenge" component of the class will be.

Dr. Rankin's decision to include these projects in the curriculum was an easy one.

"When I was in a sophomore in high school in 1972, my biology class did a project on recycling where I was part of a group that went out to grocery stores and asked people if they would consider using products with less packaging, such as cheese slices that were not individually wrapped," Dr. Rankin said.

"That project has had a profound impact on my life. My hope is that this project will have an impact that will remain with my students long after they are in my class. I would like the changes my students are making this semester to be permanent."

Of the 19 students enrolled in the class, eight are reducing their use of plastic water bottles; four are going to drive their cars less, reducing their consumption of gas; three are going to be more energy-conscious in ways such as using less hot water and turning off lights in their dorm rooms; and two are making an effort to shop locally—one of whom is sophomore Faith Clingen.

"I am really excited about this project," Clingen said, "because it's going to be a real challenge. Plus, it will feel good to know that I'm supporting the local economy. And, since I won't be buying everything at Target or Wal-Mart, I hope I'll get to know my way around Shreveport better."

Each student is required to participate on a weekly discussion board online to keep up accountability and to fill in the rest of the class on progress, successes, failures, frustrations, and benefits.

"Going to study at Rhino Coffee instead of Starbucks is an easy swap," Clingen said. "Finding groceries locally will be a little more difficult, but I'm up for the challenge."

Pandora Design: A New Source of Graphic Design

Jason Woods
Staff Writer

Centenary's own External Relations and arts periodical Pandora have collaborated to establish Pandora Design, Centenary's new source for graphic design.

The new department started out as an attempt to phase out the design program that External Relations had.

Pandora Design head and CAB president Charles Madden explained that External Relations had their job description changed to be more involved with events outside of campus.

Prior to the amendment, External Relations had a designated team to make logos and other signs and banners for all the events like Springboard and Orientation.

Madden was "thinking of ways to make Pandora more useful," so he talked with Matt Bailey in order to "cover the gap that wasn't covered anymore."

The new group has already started on making designs for organizations like the living learning communities, NOW, and the Maroon Jackets.

They are also making designs for an upcoming anti-hazing seminar.

Their way of promoting those organizations also include making their Facebook timeline cover photos and flyers. He also plans on utilizing Pandora Design to make designs for CAB.

The new department is also a way to enhance students' portfolio, according to External Relations' Margo Shideler.

Anyone is open to submit a design to the department, and any kind of design is accepted.

Support for the new group has been lukewarm, but increased support is coming in due time for Pandora Design. T he new addition will bring the arts organization to the forefront of student's radar, exposing them to more options with Pandora in the long run.

Students' opinions on Pandora Design have been lukewarm as well. Head of Outreach and Centenary senior Karley Aiken stated.

"Outreach has few events and programs in which we employ design; however, this year we have recruited an Outreach member who is also a talented and experienced artist to be our Creative Director. At her discretion, we may use Pandora Design in the future. Had Pandora Design been created earlier, we definitely would have used them as a primary resource for design."

Look out for new designs made by Centenary's own students within this school year with Pandora Design!

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Letter from the Editor...

Andrea Violet
Editor in Chief

LSAT. LSAT. LSAT. LSAT. LSAT. LSAT.

If you cannot tell, I am slightly preoccupied with my preparations for the law school admissions test I will be taking on Saturday.

Life can get pretty frustrating when faced with questions such as: what are you doing after college, what do you want to do for the rest of your life, and how are your plans working out.

A lot of time, the reason these questions are frustrating is that we are still in the process of trying to figure out those answers ourselves.

Gone are the days of working one job until you retire or (GASP) die. Our generation now works multiple jobs, sometimes only staying at one job for one or two years.

The pressure is on college students from parents, teachers, and other adult figures to find the one thing that we are supposed to do. Who says we are only supposed to do ONE thing?

I know the greater part of our student body has multiple talents, and I know that I have more than one passion.

We have already made the first step on the path by enrolling in and excelling in college.

In order to continue along the path, we do have to set goals for ourselves. Here's the funny thing though: those goals can change!

Think about what makes you happy, what you love doing, and what you re passionate about.

Write down every idea that comes to mind, and know that you don't have to pick just one.

Bottom line: live your life the way that makes you happy.

If you need any help figuring some of this out, just talk to the director of Student Involvement, Ashlie Daigle, or go talk to people in the office of Professional Discernment!

Condom-Nation: Dispensers in Dorms

Jacob Robinson
Staff Writer

Let's talk about sex.

It happens. Humans are quite literally designed to have sex in the most efficient manner possible.

Sure, some might say that sex should wait, for whatever reasons they may have, but that opinion doesn't apply to everyone and no one should expect it to. So we can at least, as humans, ensure that it happens safely.

One way to assist in the safety of sex is through the use of condoms, right?

Then it seems logical for a college campus, where one might assume sex takes place regularly, to have condoms available through some means.

Cara Lavender, a Centenary senior, has been working with VOX to bring condoms on campus since last year, and they are about to achieve their goal.

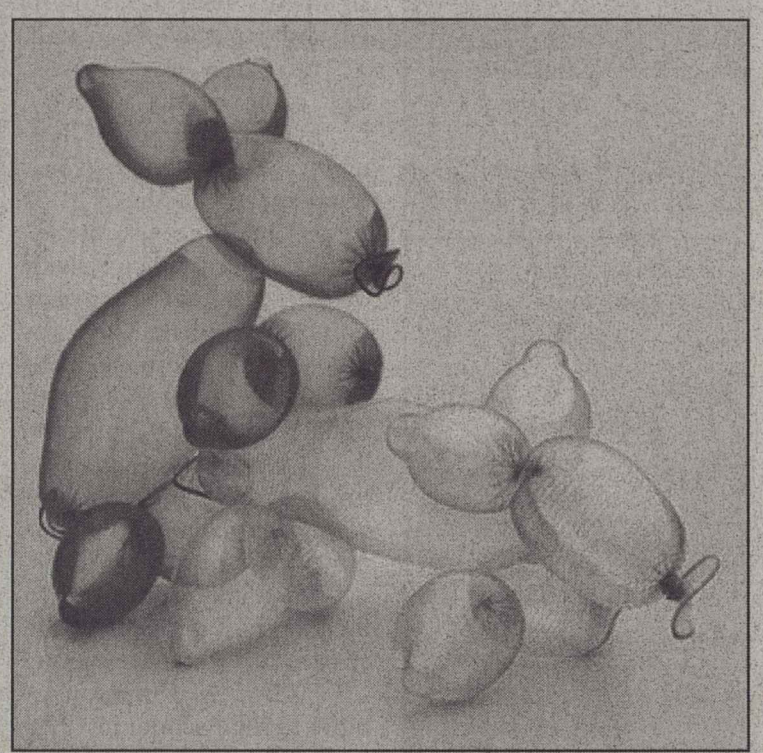
The plan in motion is this: condom dispensers will be in every dorm, with two in James and Cline for being more populated.

The dispensers will be placed in the laundry rooms of each dormitory, and are being ordered from a non-profit AIDS organization, all costing under $800. It sounds like safe sex is worth the price.

For Lavender, it all started her freshman year. There were several attempts at bringing condoms on campus. It died out though, leading Lavender to fight for more, to fight for safe sex!

Lavender and VOX have been working on bringing the condom dispensers to campus since the beginning of the school year, but have been met with many barricades along the way.

The current president of VOX, Raelynn Brown says, "I feel that it is extremely important to have contraception easily available for those students who need them. I recognize not every student needs them, but for those who do, it's important that they have them in order to keep themselves safe and healthy."



SGA eventually sent the motion for the condom dispensers to RHA, in order to have a final decision. RHA decided to pass the motion, so hopefully students will see the dispensers inhabiting dormitory laundry rooms soon.

"There are a lot of things that go on that you may not agree with, that are going to happen regardless, and if you care about human beings as a species, you should at least want people to be safe in the activities that they are doing, whether you agree with them or not," Lavender says in response to opposers of the condom dispensers.

"I do not believe that condom dispensers will make people want to have more sex; I think it will just make it easier for people who want to engage in safe

Will you take the pledge?

Jordan Ring
Staff Writer

"People tell me I look tired" remarks Leymah Gbowee (Nobel Peace Laureate, 2011, Liberia) in her opening statement at the U.N. General Assembly Side Event on Sexual Violence.

Gbowee continues "I am tired. I started talking about the issue of rape when I was 17 years old. I am now 40 and I am still talking about it."

This September I was invited to join the extraordinary women of the Nobel Women's Initiative (NWI) in New York City for its Advisory Council Meeting on the International Campaign to Stop Rape and Gender Violence in Conflict.

It was an overwhelming experience to be included with this group of women – if only for a few days – but more overwhelming was the topic of discussion.

In many conflicts today rape is the rule rather than exception. The resulting mentality developed convinces many that rape is an inevitable part of war. The NWI begs to differ.

Formal statements made by representatives to the U.N. during the Side Event on Sexual Violence marked big progress in the NWI's International Campaign to Stop Rape and Gender Violence in Conflict ("The Campaign").

A representative from Norway stated that rape is a gender issue which means it is a men's and women's issue.

He explained gender issues deal with the relationship between men and women.

It is because of this interconnectedness that rape in conflict requires the attention of both men and women (a huge acknowledgement moving The Campaign forward in a big way).

He went on to state he felt it is now more dangerous to be a woman than a soldier in many conflicts today.

Those familiar with this issue would probably agree.

Rape and gender violence are becoming more than just tools of war but integrated strategies of war.

Women (and some men) are systematically raped in order to instill fear in the civilian population provoking mass displacements of people, to demonstrate power over women and other men, as well as, a form of ethnic cleansing in which superior sperm is impregnated in an inferior womb.

Shirin Ebadi, (Nobel Peace Laureate, 2003, Iran), explained to an audience at the Tribeca Women's Media Center Event that in some patriarchal societies, the women's genitals belong to the male patriarch.

One way for men to settle scores for offenses against their family's honor is to rape each other's women.

Public rapes were common in Bosnia. Lauren Wolfe, award winning journalist and activist, commented that in some instances women's genitals were put on public display to insult their men.

These are very disturbing revelations that are unfortunately commonplace in many war affected societies. The Campaign brings hope however.

The Campaign is designed to create a global civil society movement whereby NGOs from around the world work in concerted efforts to amplify their voice.

Overcoming this issue will require an active, engaged civil society campaign in order to create the necessary political will needed to pressure states to adopt national action plans to combat rape and gender violence in conflict.

The Campaign focuses on rape and gender based violence in conflict because the term conflict represents a continuum of violence ranging from domestic violence to war.

The current focus of The Campaign relates more to the war end of the spectrum. However, the various forms of gender based violence are all interconnected.

A state's law regarding domestic violence will influence its behavior in armed conflict. So although The Campaign's overarching focus is more on armed conflict, the space is there for different sectors of this civil society movement to address all forms of gender based violence.

What can you do to contribute to The Campaign's efforts?

You can visit The Campaign's website, http://www.stoprapeinconflict.org, and make a personal pledge.

You can use your social media outlets to increase the visibility of this issue by linking your Campaign pledge to Facebook and Twitter.

You can have conversations that explain this is not just a women's issue but an issue for all of humanity. And finally, but most importantly, we can all stop pretending rape in conflict is inevitable.

LIFE

Artist Spotlight: PSY

Ellen Orr
Life Editor

K-Pop has always been what most people call a "niche."

The genre has been a mainstay in its native homeland of South Korea ever since the beginning OF South Korea. It has done nothing but stay in the said homeland until recently.

The Hallyu wave was unleashed, spreading Korean culture and entertainment, including music, to the Asian masses.

Through the magnificent breakthrough that is the Internet, the Hallyu wave has expanded to all the masses.

Singers and groups like BoA, Se7en, Girls' Generation, The Wonder Girls, and 2NE1 have all benefited/ are products of the colossal cultural (and very entertaining) movement.

Enter PSY, a controversial, quirky, but confident "bizarre" rapper from South Korea whose humorous shows and energetic stage presence encompassed many in his homeland, and now, the whole world.

Born in South Korea, he went to college in the states to attend both Berklee College of Music and Boston University. (That means he is very fluent in English as well as his native Korean.)

While he is just now getting noticed, he's been in the Korean rap game for quite a while.

He released his first album in 2001 to lukewarm reception and controversy surrounding his lyricism and appearance which was dramatically left field for what K-pop stood for, hence the "bizarre" rapper moniker. He was also arrested for marijuana, but that was in the past.

Fast forward 11 years and a record label change to 2012, his album PSY BEST 6th, Part 1 was released to massive success and the single "Gangnam Style" received a "perfect all-kill" on the South Korean music charts.

If that wasn't enough, the crazy video features him strutting with ladies while trash is being blown on their faces and a guy in a bright yellow outfit.

Let's not forget the lady lumps craving ,while PSY is ripping his clothes off like the hulk, captured the attention of celebrities abroad, especially Britney Spears and Nelly Furtado.

Speaking of Britney, her interest in dancing to the song earned the Korean rapper an appearance on the Ellen Show, along with appearances on the VMAs, SNL, and a highly anticipated and well-received performance on the TODAY Show.

Now everyone in America is succumbing to "PSYmania", something that can prove to be more powerful than the nearest chapter of the Beliebers or Little Monsters.

When asked about the sudden success in an interview the Associated Press, "When I realized that some top stars like have imagined or tweeted about me, I thought like, 'That's joking. That's not gonna happen,'" he said.

"I never expect things like this, not because they are top stars but because this is the biggest market in the universe for pop music, right, so everybody's dreaming about having appearance in the U.S. so I'm still saying, 'What am I doing here? This is beautiful.'"

K-pop fans or not, listeners will fall in love with his awesome flow and his dance-flavored beats that have taken over the majority of K-pop, even though PSY himself doesn't fit the mold of typical K-Pop.

His uniqueness and confidence to strive for success in being different not only gave him success in the Americas, but recently he signed with Island Records under the management of Scooter Braun, the same professional talent scout who signed the likes of the very popular Justin Beiber and Carly Rae Jaspen.

People could only wish for the amount of success he has achieved this summer, and he all he did was be himself!

His latest album, PSY BEST 6th, featuring the massive single "Gangnam Style" and a song featuring BIG BANG's G-DRAGON is on iTunes now.

You can also hear more of his music on the Pandora Internet Radio website and smartphone app.

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Thursday October 18

Pumpkin Feast with Review Sketches
Come get some tasty treats and get a sweet portrait to remember the occasion!

Friday October 19

It's Fall Y'all Dance
Come participate in a campus carnival and dance!

Tune-Age: The XX

Cara Lavender
Staff Writer

The XX's latest album, "Coexist," just got released earlier this month, and people are super into it.

I think the story of how this album was released is more interesting than the actual music, but hey, that's just me.

The XX is an indie pop band that formed in 2008 in London. They released their first album, "XX," in 2009. "Coexist" is their second album, so these guys are relatively new to the indie world.

I don't really understand why people are into this album. It bored me to tears almost, but I'm not that weak.

The music is incredibly slow, which is not necessarily a bad thing, but paired with the sultry soap opera voices of the two singers it is a bad thing.

Maybe this is one of those bands that I need to listen to while I am in a sleepy mood or feeling sorry for myself in the bathtub. I might appreciate it more.

All of the lyrics are about love, or lost love, or bad love, or depressing love—have already been done a billion times. I guess it's kind of sweet, but there is enough sweet music out there.

Coming from a person who loves depressing music, this is not the best. I understand why people like it, but it just isn't unique enough for me.

To be fair to The XX, I did not listen to their first album, so maybe this is a fluke and they are actually wildly brilliant.

Overall, I can appreciate the simplicity of the album and the calm vocals, but it is just too boring to finish. Sorry.

Music can be slowly moving and interesting, but "Coexist" just did not do it for me. Different strokes for different folks.

Answers

1. Whatever color yours are. You're the bus driver.

2. Two. Nobody said it had to be a matching pair.

3. Two.

4. Push the cork into the bottle and shake the coin out.

5. A square manhole cover can fall into the hole on the diagonal; a round manhole cover cannot be dropped into the hole.

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6. A towel.

7. After you draw one of the papers, swallow it. The jailer will be forced to check the remaining paper to determine what the one you drew said. The jailer will of course see a paper with "DEATH" written on it, assume you drew the one with "LIFE" written on it, and set you free.

8. A stamp

9. A dictionary

10. One is in Eastern Oregon (Mountain time); the other in Western Florida (Central time), and the phone call takes place on daylight-savings-time changeover day at 1:30am.

LIFE

The Deathly Hallows

Karley Aiken
News Editor

First of all, I'd like to say that this article is NOT actually about Harry Potter. I really wish it was. It's about understanding personal loss and maintaining optimism through hardship. And although you may have been hooked in by my clever HP title, I implore you to read on.

"The Deathly Hallows," if you recall, was not about reaching the depths of emotion because of personal loss, but instead it was about overcoming the loss of a great wizard and fighting evil against all obstacles.

Recently, I lost my grandmother. We were closer than you could imagine; we were pen pals and best friends.

She gave me life advice and taught me how to make a casserole. But beyond that, she inspired me, encouraged me, and loved me blindly more than anyone in my life.

Like any other good grandmother would, she looked past my faults and saw me as a perfect little girl. And as I grew and changed, she loved me fiercely all the same.

When she passed away, I felt like my heart was breaking. No break-up or argument or stress or anything negative had ever made me feel as low as I did when I heard that she was gone. Even now, tears gather thinking of her voice.

A few weeks after her death, one of my friends from high school died in a car accident. He was engaged. He had his entire life ahead of him.

I can still remember his goofy smile and the way he would dance in drum line at pep rallies. It's times like these where we look to the sky and can't help but whisper—It's just not fair.

Today I found out that my cousin got into a car wreck with her best friend. Supposedly, it was a case of texting and driving.

Hearing this news so close after my grandmother's death and the death of my high school friend devastated me. My cousin turned out to be okay, although her car was totaled and only a few moments separated her from severe injury.

Situations like these demand us to realize that life is fleeting and we never know when it will end.

Situations like these can also send us spiraling into depression, stealing our motivation to continue about our daily lives, and possibly lower our self-esteem or self-confidence as a direct or indirect consequence of loss.

Understanding personal loss is not easy; it's a process. However, I have heard it gets better day by day, and I am awaiting that reality.

The first step in this process is to grieve—in all the ways you need to grieve, do it. Understanding your own pain and confusion is a part of healing and being human.

The second step is accepting that this is a part of life that none of us can deny. And as you deal with personal loss, know that this is something we all go through, and healing is possible with time.

Though the past month has been ridiculously difficult on me, I have maintained a certain amount of optimism because of the amazing support system behind me and by remembering to focus on the positive.

Healing is a personal journey and is different for everyone.

However, I encourage you to point out three positives every single day to remind you that there are many things to be thankful for.

Spend as much time with your loved ones as possible, and never take life for granted.

Death comes unexpectedly to all of us, but living in the present moment is important to personal growth and happiness.

To think of it in Harry Potter terms, you have to withstand great obstacles to achieve great success.

And if you can get past the equivalent of the loss of Dumbledore in your life, then just like Harry, you can move past your pain and anger to reach a healing point.

In other words, fight evil and achieve success; fight pain and achieve happiness. When you have the option to lie down in defeat or be a whomping willow, choose to be a whomping willow. And if you ever need someone to talk to, let me know.

The Talk: Going to the Gyno (Ugh)

Cara Lavender
Staff Writer

This is for all of the ladies out there. Regardless of whether your sex life is as busy as a stump-tailed cow in fly time or as flat as a fritter, it is necessary to have a pelvic exam and a pap smear every year.

I know this experience is not the most pleasant thing; in fact, it's probably one of the things I look forward to the least out of my entire year.

It's awkward, it seemingly lasts forever, and the doctor always tries to have small talk with you (I just ignore her and go to a happy place).

As inconvenient and invasive as they are, these doctor visits could save your life.

The older we get, the more at risk we are for cervical cancer, breast cancer and other abnormalities that can be spotted at annual visits to your OBGYN.

Cancer can develop quickly, and oftentimes women do not realize that something is wrong until they are in later stages, when it becomes much more difficult to make a full recovery.

If you have not been to a gynecologist, this is what goes down.

Step one: paperwork. This is part of any doctor appointment.

Be honest on this paperwork. There are always questions that you would rather not answer, especially if your mother is sitting with you (tell her you think someone is breaking into her car to distract her).

There are questions about smoking, drinking, how many partners you've had, etc. These are incredibly important.

Even if you are not a regular smoker and only smoke at parties, this is important to put on your paperwork. Certain birth controls put smokers at additional risks.

Step two: the waiting room experience. There are probably going to be seven angry, uncomfortable pregnant women waiting with you alongside creepy statues of babies and parenting magazines.

But I will praise my doctor; the last time I was waiting in their waiting room, a Cher song came on. That's just amazing. Anyway.

Step three: getting into a room. Once in the room, a nurse will most likely have you undress and put on one of those weird paper dresses or a gown.

Yes, you have to take off your undergarments (yes, your bra too).

Step four: Doctor comes in. The doctor will talk at you for a bit about your paperwork. She might talk about birth control—which I highly recommend.

The most obvious reason is to prevent unwanted pregnancy, but birth control really does make your cycles lighter, more manageable, and regular.

Step five: the thing you are all looking forward to. The doctor will have you lay back, feet in stirrups, that whole thing.

I'm not going to get too graphic here. What is important is that it is almost over. A pap smear is a test done on cervical tissue to detect precancerous (abnormal) cells and cells that are more dangerous.

This part hurts. There, I said it. It sucks. Your cervix is a small place, and this person is scraping tissue off with a giant Q-tip thing. It sucks, but you will make it.

Step six: ovaries! She is probably going to prod around on your stomach with her hand pressing up on your ovaries. This is to check for lumps and cysts.

Step seven: boobies! This is where she will feel around on your breasts for suspicious lumps. This is awkward, but whatever.

That's it. It really does not take that long at all. Each step takes a couple minutes.

Don't have insurance? Don't have any money?

I have a potential solution for you. Check out the next print of "The Talk" for information about a program for women that pays for these types of visits and birth control!

A Historyof Inebriation

Ben Sanchez
Business Manager

Everyone has heard of the term "bathtub gin," but do you really know where it came from?

During the Prohibition Era (think 1920s), a speakeasy (an illegal bar) would mix the cheap grain alcohol they could get their hands on (Moonshine) with different flavorings (berries and water) in order to hide the truly awful taste.

This brings us to the "Southside Cocktail," which was created to mask the "bathtub gin" taste by an Irish gang.

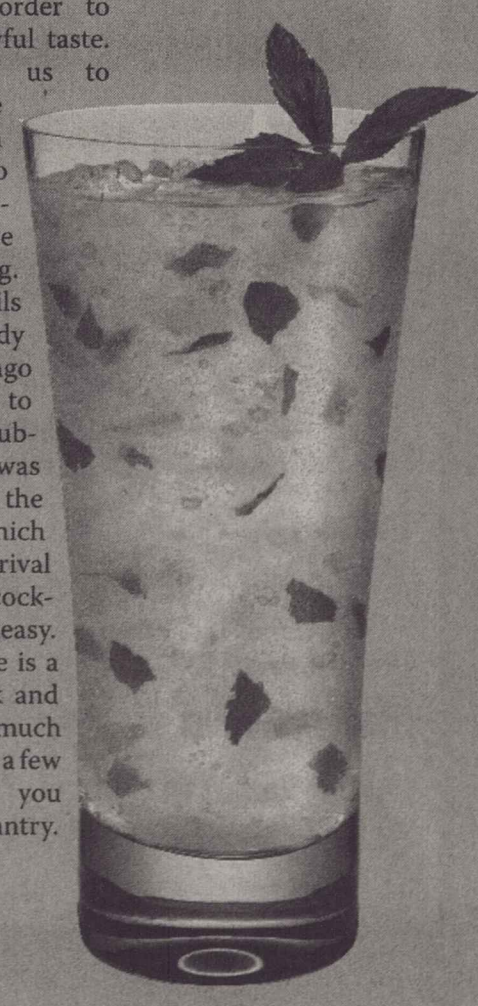
This drink hails from the "Windy City" of Chicago and, according to an old National Public Radio clip, was the answer to the "Northside," which was supposedly a rival gang's specialty cocktail in their speakeasy.

The Southside is a very simple drink and doesn't require much more than gin and a few ingredients that you can find in your pantry.

Ladies and Gentleman, the Southside Cocktail:

- 2 ounces gin
- 1/2 ounce fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp granulated sugar
- 4 or 5 fresh mint leaves (crushed)

Combine all ingredients in a shaker with ice. Shake vigorously and strain into an ice-filled Collins glass.



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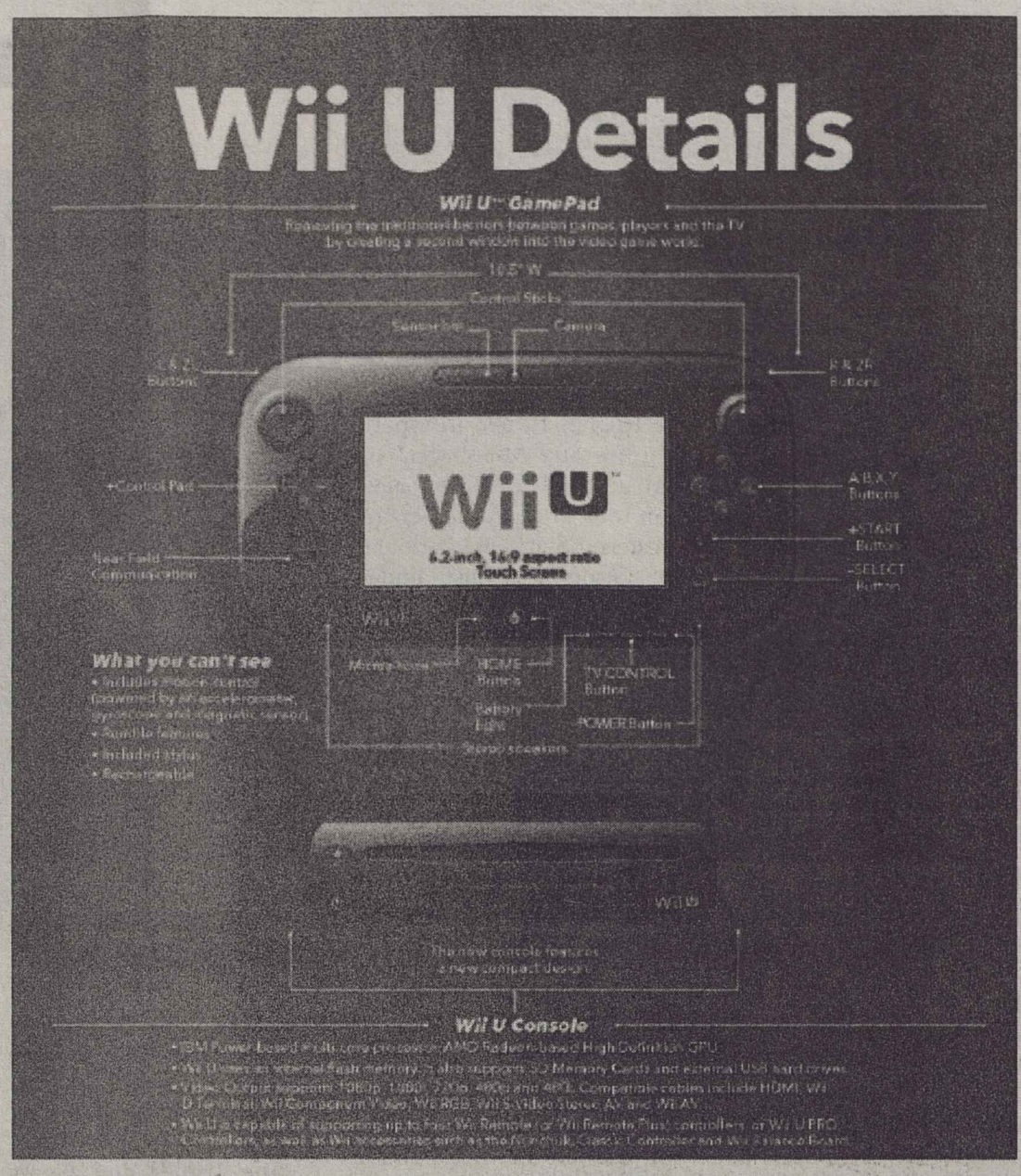
Will the Wii U return Nintendo to Glory?

Jason Woods
Staff Writer



It doesn't take a genius to know that Nintendo used to be (and in some people's minds, still is) the most influential company not only when it comes to gaming, but also marketing and overall power in electronics.

From the NES to the Wii, the Japanese company has innovated gaming for years to come.

Competitors Sony and Mircosoft are following suit to match Nintendo's credibility quicker than you can say "DO A BARREL ROLL!" But recently, Nintendo's efforts to change the gaming industry have gone stale.

Despite the underrated sleeper hit Gamecube and once-again innovative Wii console, the giant's credibility in the gaming industry has been nothing short of low.

Their marketing strategies since the Wii's release have mainly focused on having a family-driven console, something that could bring the family together.

While it did push the Wii to have the biggest sales of the generation for a long while, the motion-sensored console failed to impress in the long run.

Gamers and critics have complained about the Wii being marketed as more "of a children's toy," and strong third party support for both consoles have been devastatingly absent from both consoles, making them suffer in relevancy and sales (in the case of the Gamecube.)

How is Nintendo making things change with the upcoming Wii U?

Aside from the horrendous display that was their 2012 E3 conference, Nintendo seems to have been doing things right involving their new console.

Beginning with the actual console itself, they have once again set the stage for the next generation of home video game consoles.

They have finally grasped the concept of HD, sporting 1080p definition in the console and the touchscreen tablet that is included with the console.

The touchscreen is the selling point of the aptly titled console, sporting an iPad-like feel to it; the screen is HD, and has a front-facing camera.

The camera is the basis for many of the social integrations that Nintendo has planned for release within the next year.

Strong third-party support has also been a surprise to gamers and video game enthusiasts, with titles like Assassin's Creed 3 and Call of Duty: Black Ops 2 finding its way to the console.

The sequel to the 2010 action game Bayonetta has also been announced as a Wii U exclusive.

Those big name titles, along with new IPs like Ubisoft's Zombie-U are part of Nintendo's desire to return to the "hardcore" gamer circle; something that has been associated with them since the era of the SNES.

Does this spell both success and credibility to the Japanese giant?

The release date of the Wii U is November 18th.

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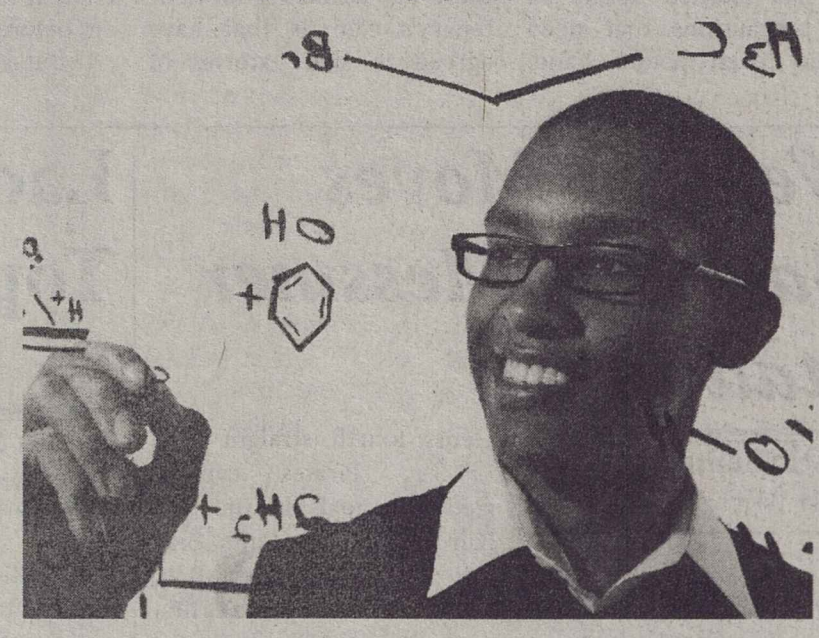

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SPORTS

Cross Country Working Overtime

Chad Nelson
Staff Writer

SHREVEPORT, Louisiana—Chad Nelson and Delilah Montero set the pace for the Centenary runners Saturday morning at the Gator Run, but it was LeTourneau sweeping both the men and women's college divisions.

Nelson set a personal best running a 17:24 and was 5th out of 40 competitors, just behind the overall winner from LeTourneau (16:34) in the 3.1 mile race (5k).

LeTourneau took the first three places while Jones from East Texas Baptist University and Nelson finished out the top five. Miles McDonald sprinted into the top ten placing 7th with a time of 17:32.

The Gents took a third-place finish in their home meet, as the Ladies placed fifth as a team.

Montero shaved three minutes from her previous 5k race, running a 23:59 and placing 10th out of 38 runners.

The overall winner was Nicole Leman from LeTourneau pacing herself a minute ahead from the competition with a 19:12.

NATCHITOCHES, Louisiana.– Rachel Olson and Julie Hughes turned in top-10 finishes and Miles McDonald grabbed 13th and Nelson took 20th in the Northwestern State Invitational.

Olson was just under three minutes behind Northwestern State's Sarah Emory, who won the 6k race in 23:55.5.

Olson just edged Hughes' 26:45.5 time by twenty-two seconds.

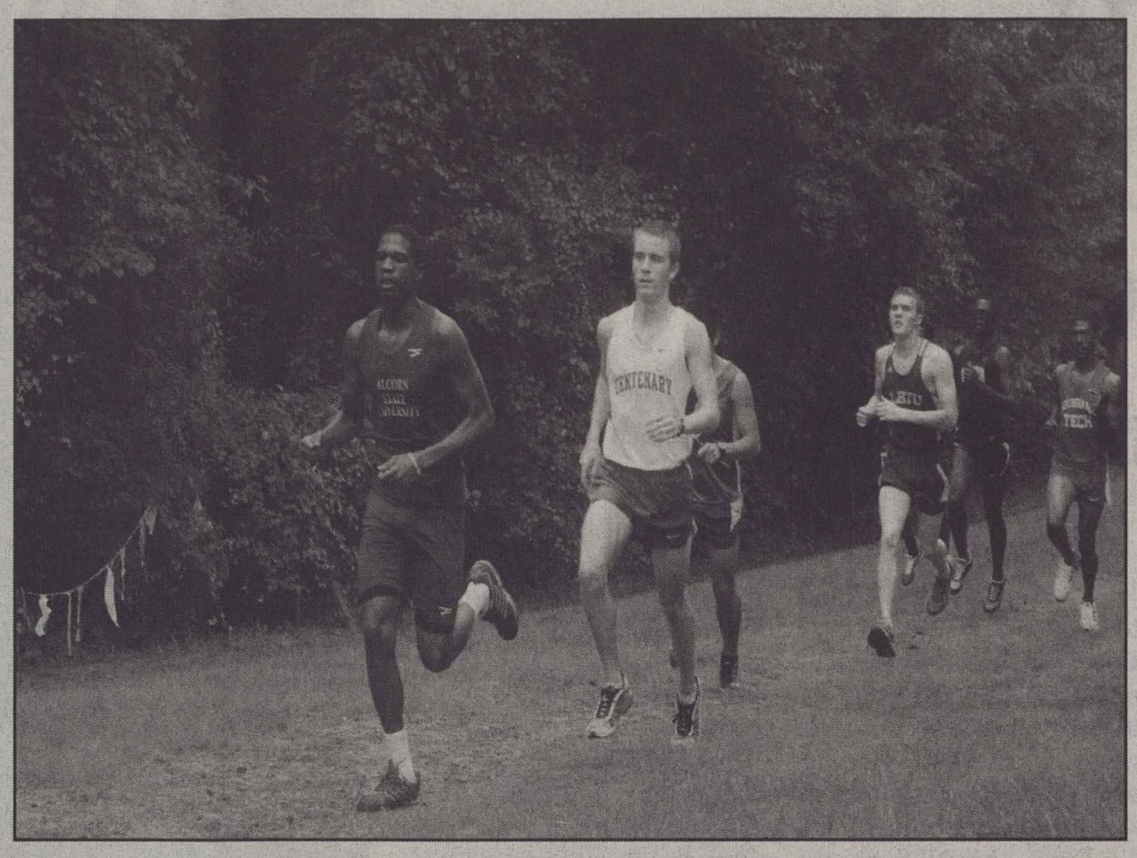
NSU won the women's race with 43 points, accounting for three of the top six finishers and five in the top 15.

Grambling State racked up 46 points. Centenary Ladies and ULM tied with 90. Louisiana Tech and Louisiana College rounded out the field with 125 and 131, respectively.

McDonald finished first for the Gents in 28:47.49, while Chad Nelson sprinted through at 30:27.8. Horacio D'Agostino, Andrew Borel, and Cavett Feazel finished in the 34 minute range.

Chris Kalmbach, and Kellen Bullock finished strong to finish up the Gent's team.

The Ladies and Gents will be hosting the Centenary Invitational on October 6, 2012. Come support your Ladies and Gents.



Athletes and the Injuries they Endure

Julia Puac
Web Manager

Athletics, 35 percent talent, 65 percent hard work, but what happens about the in-between?

What about the warm-ups before games and practices? What about the stretches and the other details that need to be taken care of?

Of course every one that has ever been an athlete at some point in their life has learned about all the precautions that need to be taken before hand.

As I sit here writing this article I remember playing high school volleyball and making the mistake of not taping up my wrist before a game knowing I had open wrist.

There was another time that I did not stretch before a District game and paid the price when I dove for a ball, pulling an inner thigh muscle and had to continue playing until the game was over without any substitute.

While this was just a high school related injury, there are students on Centenary's campus that have agreed to share stories of injuries they have endured.

Grayson Collins, junior, track athlete said: "One particular injury that almost ended my season early was a hamstring strain last fall. While my teammate and I were doing sprints on Jones Rice at 110%, I forgot to fully stretch and hydrate beforehand.

As a result my injury almost caused me not to be able to compete in our first season of Track and Field at Centenary!

Fortunately, I was blessed enough to make a full recovery before the season started.

But I'll never forget the lesson I learned that day: stretch and stay hydrated!"

Dustin Sexson, sophomore, soccer athlete: " Freshman year of high school I was told that I was missing a ligament in my left ankle, which has required me to tape my ankle before soccer games and other physical activities that require pressure on my ankle.

After forgetting to have my ankle taped, I suffered through the pain of my ignorance."

While these are only two athletes, this does not diminish the fact that being safe and making sure that everything is taken care of before a practice should be overlooked.

Anyone can make the same mistake in anything as simple as a quick run around campus, or not stretching before an intramural game.

Making sure one is ready for any physical activity is key, and not taking the necessary actions beforehand can lead to injuries one later has to face.

Weather Moves Games to Messmer Stadium

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

Last minute game site change due to field conditions and weather moved the game to Loyola's Messmer stadium.

The Ladies lost their third straight conference game, falling to the Southwestern Pirates.

The Ladies fell to a 3-nil loss to the Pirates. Hannah Neil scored the first goal for the Pirates in the 17th minute. Paige Duggins and Chelsea Letzer scored the other two goals for the Southwestern Pirates.

The Ladies have lost two games in a row for the first time this season.

The Ladies will take on the University of Dallas, October 5th at 4p.m., away at Dallas.

The Gents also fell to the Southwestern Pirates, with a 2-0 deficit. The Gents fourth straight loss.

The Pirates capitalized two goals in the first half against the Gents. 3:49 into the game Forrest Baker scored the game's first goal. Marco Alcocer scored the Pirates second goal.

Adam Ghaemmaghami, Senior Gent's captain, scored the only goal for the Gents, which was also his only shot of the game.

Southwestern Pirates outshot the Centenary Gent's 24 to 9.

The Ladies and Gents could use your help and support.

Come to the games. Wear your school pride--proudly. Come cheer on our Ladies and Gents. Your support is important.

If you're not there, that's one less Lady or Gent doing there part to boost morale.

Ladies and Gents' Soccer Host Top Ranked Opponent

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

Centenary Ladies and Gent's took on the top ranked team in the nation, Trinity University.

Unfortunately, Centenary was not able to capitalize on the opportunity.

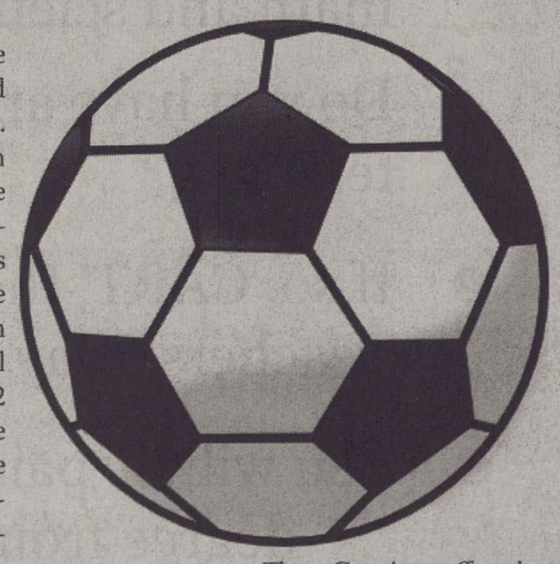
Both the Ladies and the Gents lost after their 90 minute battles struggling to compete with Trinity.

The Tigers out-shot the Ladies 57 to 1, with 27 of those landing on goal. Madison Alexander got off the only shot for the Centenary Ladies.

The Ladies suffered a devastating loss, 10-nil, to the Trinity Tigers. At the end of the first half the score remained 3- nil. The Tigers refused to let three goals be the final score, shooting 34 shots in the second half alone and scoring seven more goals.

Two Trinity players received hat tricks (three goals), Stephanie Segovia and Emily Jorgens.

After an unfortunate loss to Trinity the Ladies season came to a 3-3-1in there overall season and 0-2 in conference play in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.



Trinity remains unbeaten in conference play.

The Gent's suffered a similar unfortunate loss at home to the nation's top ranked team, the Trinity Tigers.

The Tigers out shot the Gent's 34 shots to 5. Spencer Nickerson, Daryn Beaugh, and Clinton Azeez attempted shots.

Four of the Gent's shots landed on target, unfortunately unable to find the back of the net.

The Gent's suffered a 3-nil loss to the Tigers. Trinity's Yuri Ribeiro scored two goals for Trinity and Jonny Lawson scored in the 16th minute for the Tigers.

The Gent's now sit at 2-6 for the season and 0-2 in conference play in SCAC.

SPORTS

Athlete of the Week

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Athlete: Julie Hughes
Sport: Swimming and Cross Country
Position: Captain of the Swim Team and Co- captain of the Cross Country Team
Classification: Senior
Hometown: Allen, TX
Major: Biology
Favorite Color: Turquoise
Favorite Sports Team: Dallas Mavericks
Favorite Restaurant: Mexigo
Favorite Musical Artist: Aerosmith and Maroon 5
Favorite Movie: The Goonies
Hobbies: All of my hobbies seem to be sports related
What do you plan on doing after graduation: I am currently battling between nursing school and pharmaceutical sales.
People you look up to: I look up to my parents and sister. They are excellent role models in doing what you desire and never giving up. My parents created a great life for me through those actions and my sister is certainly following in their steps.
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I started swimming when I was 6 because my older sister swam. I just started running cross country my junior year at Centenary because I was convinced by Hayley Schneider, and Shelley needed more girls.
What goes through your head as you prepare for every meet: I have a large problem with nerves so I just think about how practice has prepared me for my race and go from there.
What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: What I love most about both of them is being a part of a team sport. Your teammates are always there for you during work out and life helping you along. I care about both teams more than words can describe and I am happy to be a member of each.
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: "Dream On" by Aerosmith...mainly just because I love Aerosmith
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: Both sports as the same as any other, you have to work hard and not worry about what others are doing, focus on yourself and what is the best for you.
Name three things you own that describe you: My school books, laundry detergent and all the free items I have acquired over time
What is your most over used word or phrase: "Classic."

College Football Full of Surprises

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

As another week concluded of College Football, the BCS standings are likely to have big changes once again.

The top 6 teams had no problem securing their positions as #1 Alabama blew out Mississippi 33-14, #2 Oregon won 51-26 over Washington State, and #3 LSU beat Towson 38-22.

#4 Florida State topped South Florida 30-17, #5 Georgia outlasted a scrappy Tennessee team 51-44, and #6 South Carolina blew out Kentucky 38-17.

Things weren't so easy for other teams in the Top 25. #12 University of Texas snuck out of Oklahoma State after a scare on the road 41-36, #19 Louisville rallied over Southern Mississippi 21-17.

#15 TCU beat SMU 24-16, and #18 Oregon State got a late Touch Down to top Arizona 38-35.

New Mexico rallied but came up short against #24 Boise State as they held on 32-29.

Another nail biter between two ranked teams was #14 Ohio State beating Michigan State 17-16.

#9 West Virginia defeated #25 Baylor in a high scoring affair 70-63.

The biggest comeback of the night probably came from #22 Nebraska as they rallied from 17 down at home to beat Wisconsin 30-27.

Some teams weren't able to avoid the upsets, however, as #8 Stanford fell to a scrappy Washington team 17-13, after Washington rallied from behind at home.

Georgia Tech fell big at home to a non-big conference school Mid Tennessee 49-28.

Regional schools have continued their strong start on the season.

Louisiana Tech made a huge statement to remain undefeated and take a game on the road against an ACC school in Virginia 44-38.

University of Louisiana Monroe got a big win after playing Big 12 and SEC opponents the first three weeks, to a slumping Tulane team 63-10.

Speaking of slumping, Arkansas, who had been ranked so highly in preseason, continued their disappointing season with a 58-10 blowout against new conference foe Texas A&M.

After Union Strike, the Regular Refs are Back

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

If you watched the NFL games last weekend, or even were tuned into ESPN casually, chances are you have heard complaints about the new replacement referees messing up calls multiple times in multiple games.

The refs had five reverse calls alone in the New Orleans Saints game and Kansas City Chiefs game, and the Seattle Sea Hawks beat the Green Bay Packers on a controversial reception that was ruled a TD and cost Green Bay the game.

Needless to say, the replacement refs haven't been getting the job done any better than the regular refs.

The fans are still complaining about calls, but the difference is the amount of delay it puts on the game because these refs are still learning.

The typical referees have been sitting out the first three weeks this season due to a union strike.

The problem has been money, which should come as no surprise.

The NFL, the most successful and most profitable sports league in the United States at the moment, pays their referees far less than other big sports, particularly MLB, NBA, and NHL.

Some of this may be due to the NFL referees being the only officials hired part-time unlike the other sports.

Still, they may only work fewer games, but have a very tough task that goes beyond what the fans see on the weekend.

According to Bestsportsblog.com, most referees spend "twenty-five to thirty-five hours a week preparing," which goes into film study, dealing with constantly changing rules, keeping in shape, and travel requirements.

The league hoped to be prepared in starting the season with officials should a strike occur.

According to the rumors by ESPN's Adam Schefter, these replacements would include "elite retired college officials, officials from the smaller, non-BCS conferences, and even Arena League referees."

These guys proved that their leagues just aren't the same as officiating a game at the pro-level, at least not in a short amount of time.

The biggest difference between the refs from the fan perspective is they get to complain more, and actually have the right to.

Fans were able to breathe a sigh of relief on Wednesday last week, however, as the union strike was resolved.

Regular officials were back in time for Thursday night's game between the Baltimore Ravens and Cleveland Browns.

Now the real question is will fans complain about calls as much as they usually do?

They probably will, because it is naturally part of the game, but this should also give fans a new perspective that things could be a lot worse.

Centenary Score Box

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09/21/12: at Austin College L 3-1
09/23/12: Hendrix College L 3-1

Ladies' Soccer
09/21/12: at Austin College L 3-1
09/23/12: Hendrix College W 2-1

Volleyball
09/ 18/12: Texas Wesleyan University L 3-0
09/ 18/12: Wiley College L 3-0
09/21/12: vs University of Dallas L 3-0
09/22/12: vs Colorado College L 3-0
09/22/12: at Southwestern University L 3-0

Gent's Swimming
09/22/12: LSU L 64-38

Ladies' Swimming
09/22/12: LSU L 64-38

Intramural Scores
Wednesday 9/26
CHOR vs. Theta Chi: 34-31
Team 'Murica vs. Old School: 28-6
Wolfpack vs. KA: 12-20

Thursday 9/27
Team 'Murica vs. Theta Chi: 44-6
KA vs. Old School: 22-18
Wolfpack vs. Theta Chi: 25-12

EXTRAS

Brain Food

See if you can figure out these tricky word problems!

1. You are a bus driver. At the first stop of the day, eight people get on board. At the second stop, four get off, and eleven get on. At the third stop, two get off, and six get on. At the fourth stop, thirteen get off, and one gets on. At the fifth stop, five get off, and three get on. At the sixth stop, three get off, and two get on. What color are the bus driver's eyes?

2. Your sock drawer contains ten pairs of white socks and ten pairs of black socks. If you're only allowed to take one sock from the drawer at a time, what's the minimum number of socks you need to take before you're guaranteed to have a pair?

3. If you take two apples from three apples, how many do you have?

4. If you put a coin in an empty bottle and insert a cork into the neck of the bottle, how could you remove the coin without taking the cork out or breaking the bottle?

5. Why is it better to have round manhole covers than square ones?

6. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?

7. You've been sentenced to death in an obscure foreign country which has a strange law. Before the sentence is carried out, two papers -- one with "LIFE" written on it and one with "DEATH" written on it -- are folded up and placed in a hat. You are permitted to pick out one of the papers (without looking), and if you choose the one with "LIFE" written on it, you are set free. Otherwise, the death sentence is carried out. On this occasion, a mean-spirited acquaintance of yours, bent on your demise, has substituted the paper with "LIFE" written on it with another one with "DEATH" written on it. This person gleefully informs you of what he has done and that you are doomed to die. You are not permitted to speak to anyone about this misdeed, nor will you have a chance to switch the papers or the hat yourself in time. How will you avoid certain death?

8. What goes around the world but stays in a corner?

9. I'm where yesterday follows today, and tomorrow's in the middle. What am I?

10. Two people are talking on the phone long distance. One is in an East Coast state of the U.S., the other is in a West Coast state of the U.S. The first asks the other, "What time is it?" He hears the answer and says, "That's funny. It's the same time here!" Neither one of them were mistaken about the time. How is this possible?

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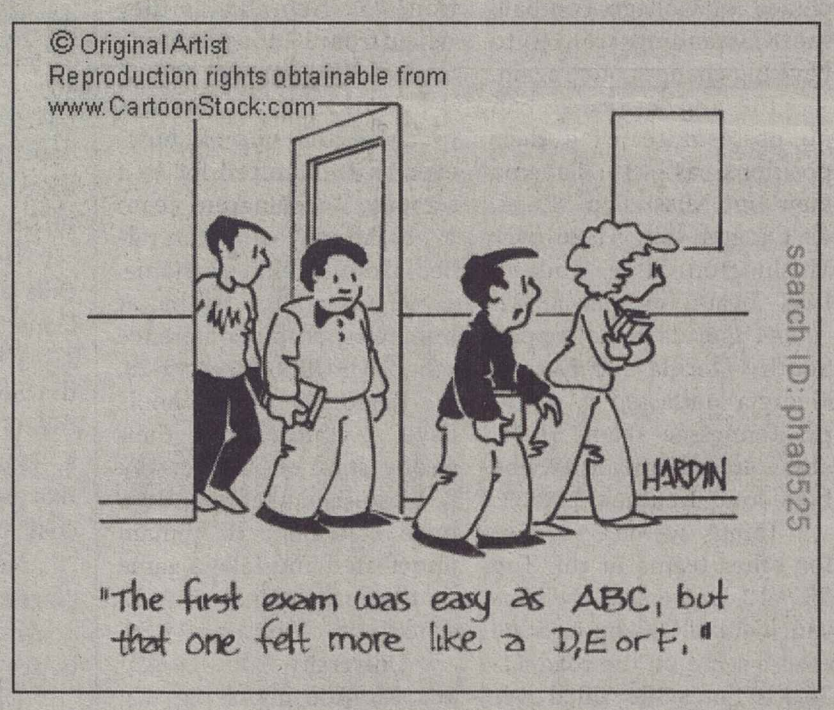
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"The first exam was easy as ABC, but that one felt more like a D,E or F."

FOR NO REASON: Midterm Apocalypse

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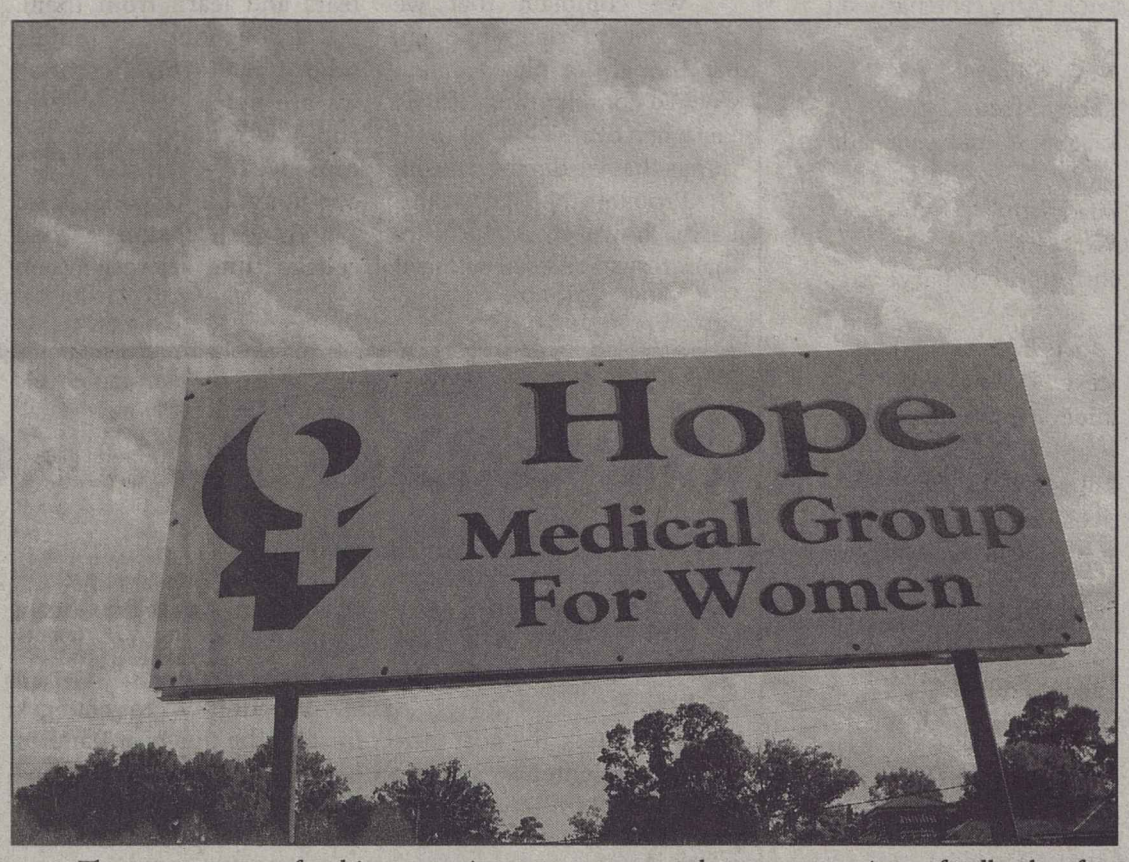

While driving to or from Centenary's campus you may have noticed evangelical protestors outside of Hope Medical Group for Women, an abortion clinic located on Kings Highway.

Such protestors can be found on weekdays or weekends reading from the Bible, praying while facing the clinic, or engaging in conversation with seemingly like-minded individuals.

Lately, a new small but powerful force can be seen occupying the sidewalk surrounding the Hope clinic – a group of Centenary students supporting the women that employ Hope's services and advocatingforwomen'srights.

Centenary sophomores Merritt Harrelson and Sara Whittington, both members and officers of Outreach and the National Organization for Women at Centenary, came up with "Support Hope Month," which includes sending messages of love and support to women, as well as fostering "positivity, hope, and love in our community."

Support Hope Month was created as a response to "40 Days of Life," a campaign in support of ending abortion.

The creators of this campaign promote it as a chance for pro-life supporters to save lives.

The 40 Days of Life website (40daysoflife.com/blog) declares that defending their cause is a "spiritual battle."

"More than ever the people who are a part of this clinic need your love and support," Harrelson says.

The Support Hope Month event sends a positive message to the Shreveport community by increasing awareness about women's rights and supporting women and their individual right to make their own choices through powerful, affirmative messages.

Students participate by making and holding anti-hate signs with messages such as "I love these women," and "These women's lives have promise."

So far, Merritt and Sara, as well as other who are participating in Support Hope Month, are receiving encouraging feedback from peers, faculty, and even staff at the Hope Medical Group.

Allies of Support Hope provide water and snacks for students on participation days.

If you would like to get involved with this event or similar events, please contact Merritt Harrelson at mharrelson@my.centenary.edu or Sara Whittington at swhittington@my.centenary.edu or visit the Support Hope Month Facebook page.

The Future of America

Andrea Violet
Editor in Chief

As the 2012 Presidential election nears, gossip mills start to stir and even those people who normally steer away from political conversations get caught up in the excitement.

The arguments over the quality and efficiency of the debates come up in everyday conversation.

Essentially, a political fever consumes the nation.

With the debates that have occurred, the big question on everyone's mind is: who won?

Each person of course has their own idea, but according to CBS news polls: Joe Biden won the Vice-Presidential debate, Mitt Romney won the first Presidential debate, and Barack Obama won the second Presidential debate.

It is contested however, that these polls are not conclusive of the true opinions.

As an objective viewer, there have been questionable statements, questions, and contradictions from each side.

My primary concern and I am sure that of many other Americans is having a President that, at the end of the day, can be a strong leader for our country and not one who can simply win a popularity contest.

The strength of the United States has been our leadership, ingenuity, international activism, and our ability to build business and industry. That is what we need to focus on as a nation.

The focus does not need to be on arguing over who said what, who did this or that, and making promises that are not always followed.

Due to the growing increase in globalization efforts, it is more important than ever to be a strong, stable country.

If we re-focus our energies and intentions, then the United States can maintain its position as a strong, stable world power.

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Letter from the Editor...

Andrea Violet
Editor in Chief

College years seem to be scarily similar to our childhood years.

We complain that we don't get to sleep enough, eat enough, or play enough.

We complain that it isn't fair when other kids get to do things that we don't get to do.

Probably the biggest similarity, however, is the fears that resurface when faced with college's challenges.

When we are small children, everything is new to us and thus, scary. We have fear of things that we have not experienced or learned of. Our parents are there to help us overcome these fears and learn from them.

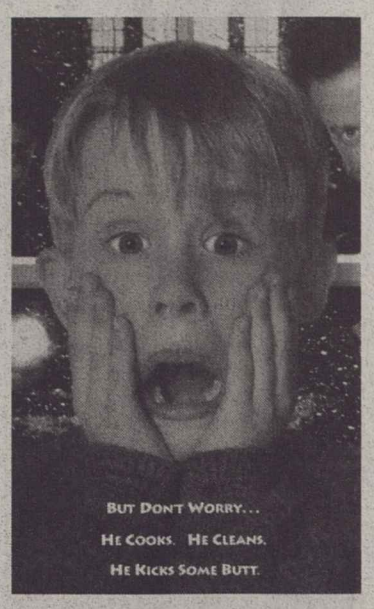
Throughout middle school and high school, we are much better able to cope with these fears because we have the stability of our home life to go back to.

Things change when college time arrives. When we get to college, we are hit with a wave of things that are unknown to us and sometimes cause fear.

For most of us, we don't still have the stability of home so a bit of fear can set in. at this point, it is up to us to take control of ourselves.

The beautiful thing about fear is that you can choose to not let it cripple. You can choose to use it to your best advantage.

In the words of one of my favorite movie series' of all time, "Jump first, fear later."



Sodexo Makes Changes

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

If you talk to most students on Centenary's campus, you will find that an important issue to them is the food being served on campus.

Students rely on dining services a lot, especially those living on campus and paying for a meal plan. This plan covers 12 to 17 meals per week and $75 to $150 in Randles Dollars, depending on which plan you purchase.

Since students count on these services so often, it can be frustrating at times to see some of the results and not be satisfied.

Sodexo is making efforts to improve communication between students and is planning on some good changes.

Sodexo has already been making changes from management to the menu.

After previous General Manager LeRoy Taylor resigned last May, Parker Higdon was hired in the middle of August to take on his position.

He is still settling into the new school, but has made strides behind the scenes that should be reflecting on dining services in the future.

Another addition to staff is the new Executive Chef, who previously cooked in the Navy and at the local Eldorado Casino.

In addition to changes in staff, the menu in Randles has seen some additions too. Some notable changes are the Wrapped Hummus and Philly Cheesesteak.

Students have been noticing these changes, and some have enjoyed the new menu options. One particular difference noticed is what has been served at "Late Night."

"The menu expanded and there is more to choose from."

- Timmy Chhor

Late Night is known as a time for students unable to make it to the regular dinner option in the cafeteria, but still have a dinner meal swipe available.

Late Night begins at 6:30pm and ends at 10:00pm. Student have the option to purchase an item off a specific menu.

In the past, this menu included at least two options, sometimes three, with one of the options (usually) being vegetarian.

In recent weeks, this menu has only provided options such as Nacho Bar and Frito Pie, "meals" unsatisfactory to students.

Many students that utilize Late Night are athletes. Cameron Green, a student athlete, said he "would like healthier and filling food; more like a meal rather than a snack."

Another student, Lea Hair, wished that there "wasn't so much fried food."

However, there is still positive feedback as Timmy Chhor likes that "the menu expanded and there is more to choose from."

Most students would like to have more options to choose from on the Late Night menu, because as one student mentioned not having enough "Randles Dollars" is a potential issue if they eat Randles during the day a lot.

These complaints will not go unheard.

A new committee, entitled the "Student Board of Directors," has been created to work on issues such as these.

The Student Government Association is working with Parker to create a type of committee of students that will be surveying how Sodexo is doing, both in the Cafeteria and Randles.

There will be an application process; this differs from past committees in regards to the amount of group diversity taken into consideration.

For example, each class will have members, as well as different types of people favoring different nutritional diets.

The goal of Sodexho is to reach all demographics from vegetarians to athletes that may require more protein or carbohydrates in their meals.

Once the board of students is settled into place "there can be noticeable trends that students will see from other universities," Parker said.

Parker ensures that he commits to providing a high quality of food for Centenary students by meeting with nutritionists.

Students can be difficult to satisfy at times, but there is a right to complain when things seem under quality.

Remember that there is a new staff working to get settled in on the business side, and while things have been in transition, the effort being placed in communicating with students should hopefully result in the future.

Diversity Awareness: LGBTQIAP Events on Campus

Karley Aiken
News Editor

The LBGTQIAP community has an active presence on Centenary's campus.

In addition to the work of Outreach, Centenary College's LGBTQIAP student organization, the Centenary Diversity Committee and Safe Zone participants/trainers have been helping to create a more informed and welcoming environment for students and the greater Shreveport community.

In order to promote diversity on campus, Outreach has planned a few educational and interactive events for the school year.

Outreach most recently celebrated National Coming Out Day, an internationally observed awareness day celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, poly/pansexual individuals as well as allies.

The day is specifically intended to celebrate those who have "come out," those who are in the process of coming out, and also those who have not yet come out.

On Monday, October 8th, Outreach hosted a t-shirt making event in preparation for National Coming Out Day.

Outreach supplied free t-shirts and paint to students; students were able to design their own shirts to wear on the day of celebration.

On Wednesday, October 10th, Outreach and friends celebrated NCOD by wearing their supportive t-shirts and hosting a family dinner in James Lobby.

Upcoming Outreach events include National Ally Week (Oct. 15th-19th) and Day of Silence (April 19th, 2013).

To get involved with these events or Outreach in general, please contact Karley Aiken at kaiken@my.centenary.edu or Merritt Harrelson at mharrelson@my.centenary.edu.

Outreach Event Coordinator and Centenary sophomore Sara Whittington has recently partnered with Captain Shreve High School in hopes of starting up a GSA (Gay/Straight Alliance).

To help in this endeavor, email Sara at swhittington@my.centenary.edu.

For more information on upcoming Outreach events, including how you can get involved, contact Karley Aiken at kaiken@my.centenary.edu or join the Outreach Facebook group.

For more information on the Diversity Committee or diversity on campus, contact Bonnie Bernard at bbernard@my.centenary.edu or Dr. Fulwider at cfulwider@my.centenary.edu.

LIFE

Artist Spotlight - Hannah Pfannenstiel

Jordan Pope
Staff Writer

Centenary College holds an unexpected spark of talent in our midst in the form of Hannah Pfannenstiel—an inspiring, kind-hearted sophomore soccer player.

Pfannenstiel's works take many forms: her sculptures showcase intriguing depth in their three dimensions; her paintings express the vibrant colors of a carefully controlled paint pallet.

The great rule she has over her hands quickly becomes evident to any viewer of her art, where shapes and shades are created with delicate line control and careful precision outlines creatures made by manipulating materials.

Such control can be seen in the work by Pfannenstiel where she breathed life into an old brown folder by crafting it into an African-inspired desert landscape.

In pieces like this, the trying amount of time she devotes to her work in making each detail accurate and to her liking becomes evident.

She comments on her work habits: "It's something I can do for hours and not really notice.... It's an escape."

Often, Pfannestiel escapes to the wild call of nature, which displays itself prominently as a source of inspiration for her work, next to her enjoyment of sports and soccer.

She recalls a warming childhood memory: "I grew up being an outdoorsy person. My grandpa would take me and my brother to this park [where] there's a path through the forest, and he would walk along and teach us names about the trees. He would hand us a leaf and ask where it came from."

Memories like this help Hannah feed her art with passion.

At first glance, it's also evident that Hannah is creating scenes from reality: painting rivers that flow through lush green hills, cutting out swamp scenes full of animal life, crafting small dragonflies out of silver wire.

"I don't like abstract or sci-fi," she said. "I like realistic."

She enjoys expressing this preference best in her handmade creations, where she likes "experimenting with different things. I like being introduced to new ways of doing things," she said. "It makes me feel more involved."

The most recent piece for Pfannestiel that brought her unexpected enjoyment can be seen in the lion's head fountain outside the Student Union Building on Centenary's campus.

For an assignment that referenced the great nature artist Andy Goldsworthy for Bruce Allen's sculpture class, she patiently laid out a winding string of soft pink flower petals along a background of small leaves, which were a deep shade of shiny green, all floating atop the water and spanning to the fountain's brim.

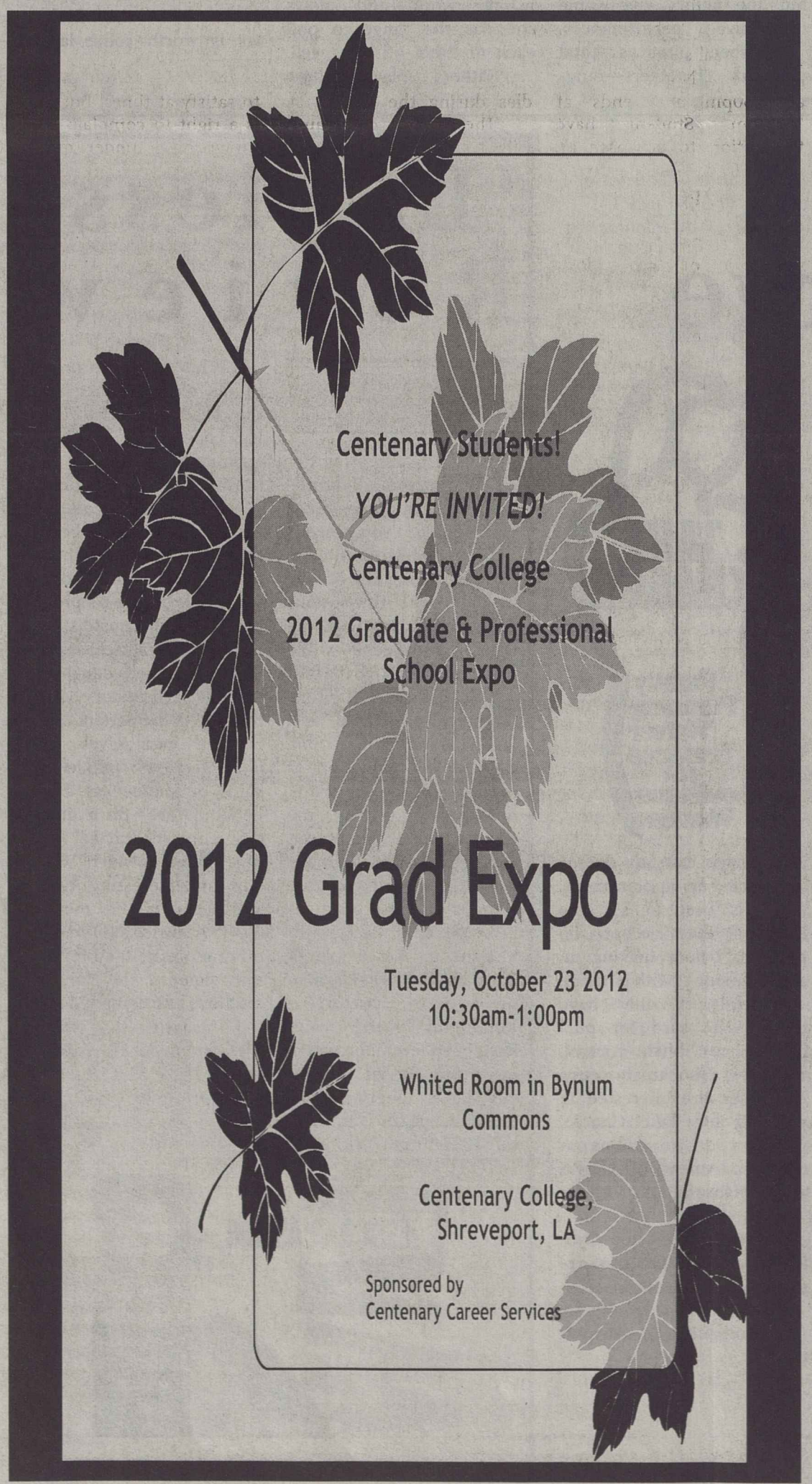
The petals created a surreal, river-like scene in the fountain that offered a new and interesting way for Pfannenstiel to express her love for nature.

Almost tragically, like the ever-changing landscape of the Earth, the work has since been washed away.

As Pfannenstiel further discovers her love for art and creativity, she faces the expected challenges of an artist: where to go next and then how to get there.

She is heavily considering changing her major to Studio Art, though her major is currently undecided. She has "changed [her] mind three times this year about what [she] wants to do with her life," and though she hasn't committed, she knows that she longs to do "anything where she can be a little creative" in her profession.

Keep an eye out for this exciting girl; you just might miss her next goal on the soccer field when you're netted by the captivating world of her art.



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Answers to Brain Food:

1. A corn.
A chicken
2. A rug
3. A sponge
4. Fire
5. Turn on switches 3 and 4 and wait fifteen minutes or so. Then turn switch 3 off, turn switch 2 on, and enter the room. If the bulb is dark and cool, switch 1 controls it. If the bulb is bright and cool, switch 2 controls it. If the bulb is dark and warm, switch 3 controls it. If the bulb is bright and warm, switch 4 controls it.
6. A tissue
7. The first surgeon operates with the first glove (glove A) inside the second glove (glove B). The second surgeon operates using just glove B. The third surgeon operates using glove A, turned inside out, inside glove B.
8. An onion
9. Suicide
Coup d etat.
10. It s daylight. The sun is out

LIFE

"Baby With the Bathwater" Review

Adam Stephens
Staff Writer

Baby With the Bathwater, by Christopher Durang, is a rather dark comedy that was recently performed by the Centenary Theater Department at the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse, directed by Emily Heugatter.

The first act of the play introduces us to new parents Helen and John Dingleberry (Jordan Fell and Josh Rabalais, respectively), who are not entirely stable.

The mother is prone to mood swings and often screams at children, and the father is utterly useless. They are helped (in the loosest sense of the word) by a promiscuous nanny called Nanny (Sandy Rather) and a "crazy person" (played by Ashley Frisbee).

After a near-fatal encounter with a bus (and lots of Nyquil), the Dingleberries swear to become better parents.

Come the second act, we see they failed miserably, as their child Daisy (Jonathan Slocum) is suffering from gender issues, a lack of motivation, and recurring nightmares that have scarred him for life.

So, you know, a feel-good sort of story.

Baby With the Bathwater is a very bizarre show. It isn't really "bad," per se, as the writing in both acts is very funny for the most part; but the thing is, the two acts couldn't be more different in tone.

The first act is nonstop silliness—it feels like a long Saturday Night Live sketch, and it's as funny as one would hope.

The second act, on the other hand, is very dark, because unlike Saturday Night Live, there are consequences to the parents' actions, and while there are still silly, over-the-top jokes, it's actually pretty depressing and hard to watch at times.

Another odd feature is that our main characters are pretty unlikable.

Helen's violent mood swings, unchecked temper and inconsistency make us wonder how John ended up marrying her—until we realize that he's a complete wimp who's unable to take charge of his own problems, and, like so many men, decides the solution is drinking.

The only Dingleberry we don't hate is Daisy, and as we see how his parents' incompetence ruined his life (he stays in college for ten years; there are so many things wrong with that), we hope that he'll find a way to lead a semi-normal life.

All of these issues are entirely based on the script; Director Heugatter and the cast have done an excellent job with what they have. Not only is the comic timing and blocking of the play very good and fun to watch (when the writing is not depressing us), but the actors give some impressive performances.

Frisbee plays a total of four characters—ranging from insane to snobby to the only sane person in the world—and shows she has the range to pull each of them off very well.

Rather plays three characters, and while they aren't quite as radically different from each other, they're all pretty enjoyable.

Fell and Rabalais have to depict their characters aging over several years, and they pull it off well; between the make-up, their voices and their body language, they really appear to age several years.

Also, props to Slocum for wearing a dress onstage for his Marjorie Lyons Playhouse debut.

The set is pretty impressive, with a lot of attention to detail and some creative props that were obviously well thought-out. There's even a picture on the wall that changes with the years; it's those little touches that show how much the cast and crew care about this play.

Baby With the Bathwater is an enjoyable play, and any issues with this particular performance probably lie with the script rather than the performers.

It's just that the contrast between the two acts is so sharp that it leaves you not sure how to feel at the end—or feeling like apologizing to your mother for every bad thing you ever said because at least she's not Helen Dingleberry.

Overall, it comes down to a matter of taste, and if you like dark comedy, then Baby With the Bathwater is worth some laughs.

The Talk: Take Charge

Cara Lavender
Staff Writer

Last week on The Talk, you learned the importance of a yearly well-woman exam with your OBGYN. I realize that getting to a doctor is not always the easiest thing to do, even though it is important.

Most women who do not have a regular OBGYN cannot visit because of monetary reasons or lack of insurance.

If this is you, you might qualify for a Medicaid program called "Take Charge."

Take Charge is a super cool program for women ages 19 to 44 who reside in the state of Louisiana.

This program was approved the summer of 2006 with the intention to increase the number of women who have access to family planning services.

Take Charge makes a lot of things possible for women who do not have access to a doctor for their lady parts.

Things covered by a Take Charge card:

1. Four physical exams or necessary visits each year for services of family planning
2. Laboratory testing for the purpose of family planning (STD testing, Pap smears, things of this nature)
3. Approved medications (birth control pills, patches, IUDs, diaphragms and others)

If you qualify for the Take Charge card, you can go to an approved clinic or doctor and have an exam and receive birth control, if you so choose, and then go to a pharmacy and use your Take Charge card to pay for the birth control.

If you currently have regular Medicaid, you will not qualify for this program because Medicaid already pays for these types of things.

If you currently have insurance, this does not mean that you will not qualify for this type of aid.

I have primary insurance and secondary insurance and still qualified for this program because my private insurance company does not cover birth control prescriptions. And I'm poor (College, eh? What do I expect?).

You must re-apply after one year. During this year, the card will remain active unless you become pregnant or leave the state.

One complaint that I have about this system is that not all doctors accept Take Charge (not little ol' Take Charge's fault, though).

Sometimes it can be a pain to find a physician who will take this Medicaid program.

This is just a small complaint as it is not too entirely difficult; just know

you cannot call any doctor and make an appointment.

It is best to ask the clinic if they accept the program before making an appointment with them.

Luckily, I only have to use the card for purchasing my birth control, which is shockingly easy.

If you are interested in applying for Take Charge, you can do so online at the Department of Health and Hospitals website

(https://bhsfweb.dhh.louisiana.gov/OnlineServices/).

Good luck! Be safe out there!!

'Lawless' Review

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

Bootleggers, brothers, actions, love—what else could you need?

John Hillcoat directs this fascinating tale of four brothers who run moonshine and do so with the law's knowledge—while believing they ARE the law.

Brothers Forrest Bondurant (Tom Hardy) and Jack Bondurant (Shia LeBeouf) occupy opposite sides of the spectrum, but they want the same things: money, the power, the legend and a female.

The legend of the Bondurant brothers is revered and known to be true to the people of Franklin County, Virginia.

Opposition rises to the Bondurant brothers who have been left alone working within the law, until a city slicker deputy decides to challenge the "immortal" Bondurant brothers.

While trying to prove to his older brother and the head of their bootleg operations Forrest, Jack must go against his brother's instructions.

Jack is the soft younger brother, incapable of being tough to survive without his brother's protection.

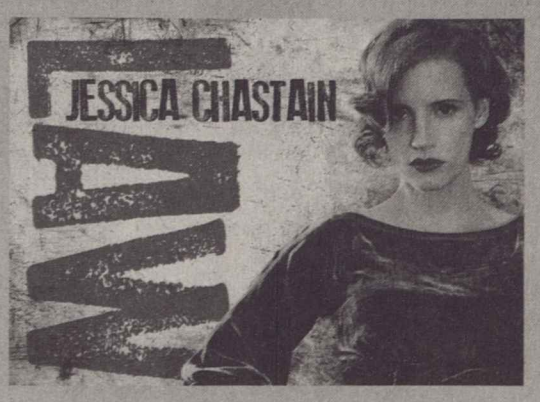
While trying to prove himself, Jack musters up more courage and chases after the preacher's daughter.

The perfect story combined with the perfect cast.

The cast gives the characters a sparkle, a shine of uniqueness. Shia LeBeouf takes on a quite different character in this movie, which creates an interesting twist and feel for the movie.

Experience the Bondurant authority, the Bondurant violence, the Bondurant love and compassion.

This is definitely one of the best movies I have ever seen.



LIFE

The Gospel According to Keaton: Passion

Keaton Roberson
Contributing Writer

Some girl in some movie somewhere once said to some guy, "I hate you with the passion of a thousand burning suns." Or maybe it was in a book, I'm not really sure, but that's an awful lot of hate to have for someone.

On a deeper note, it describes the notion of how real passion affects us: like burning suns, ever-internally blazing away, a desire that cannot be quenched.

When you meet people who are passionate about a cause, they leave a dynamic mark in everything they touch related to that cause.

They sear an impression on you, whether good or bad, but you at least know that they are warriors for their crusade. These people live and breathe the old adage: "Stand for something, or fall for anything."

I interact with tons of people on a daily basis. Due to my introverted nature, I become quickly drained in just a couple of hours. Before my needle hits empty, however, I always take a little lesson away about each person.

Many of these folks are charged about the things they believe — math, science, humanities, women's rights, animal rights, civil rights, conservation issues, child soldiers, education—the list goes on.

Of these many people who have lots to say, few of them actually do anything. Passion is not always about how many can hear you preach, but about how driven you are to go into the world and make a difference.

And making a difference is not always about solving world hunger by midnight, but feeding one starving person at a time. Time always tells, in the long run, just how passionate you are about the ideas you vocalize.

I also meet many people who seem to have no passion for anything. They show no ambition, no drive, and they appear comfortable with that.

Perhaps they are. Or perhaps they have not yet found the sparks that ignites their flames. That process may take time as well.

I read somewhere once that we should think of trees as being very small explosions. It is not that these people lack fire, lack passion, lack a cause for which to fight; it is that they do not combust with energy, but instead grow into their strengths and dig their roots deep into the ground for a cause that keeps them sturdy.

Friends of mine describe me as vocal, opinionated, and passionate. I don't think of myself in that way (but if you want to flatter me, hey, I love hearing how special a boy I am).

I will encourage healthier living because not finding time to care for your body will leave time for sickness.

I will push for breast cancer awareness (because my aunt died); and for heart health (because my mother struggles with it); and for testicular cancer (because, well, I'm a dude).

I will advocate gay rights (because I am gay); proper sex education (because of high STI and pregnancy rates); I will advocate for being eco-friendly (because we get one planet); and women's rights (because I have no right to legislate her anatomy).

And I will advocate that everybody should love everybody, because that's better than hating them with the passion of a thousand burning suns.

Rhino Coffee Review

Samira Sayad
Staff Writer

Rhino Coffee, a laid back, locally owned coffee shop that offers a unique, one-of-a-kind experience is located at 721 Southfield Road off of Line Ave.

It's not a Starbucks, "get your typical what they only have to offer" establishment. It's a welcoming, comfortable atmosphere for all ages.

No matter whether you're studying or having a coffee date, this is the place to be. Unlike Starbucks, Rhino feels like a home that you can go to at the end of the day to relax, even if you're cramming for an exam.

Don't get me wrong: Starbucks has good stuff. But service-wise, Starbucks has nothing on Rhino.

Rhino will go the extra mile to please their customers and keep them happy. Starbucks is more "quantity over quality" service, whereas Rhino is definitely concerned with quality.

I can already say that, personally, Rhino has done little things here and there for me that make me more of a loyal customer to them and have me coming back daily.

Also, all the food I've had has been great. They serve breakfast, lunch, and great pastries all day.

My favorite pastry has been a rhino-shaped cookie with sprinkles, located in the case in the midst of all their wonderful muffins.

As for the drinks, the 318 is the best. I highly suggest this sweet, addictive drink.

On top of all this greatness, Rhino has the best hours ever: 7 AM-10 PM Monday through Friday and 8 AM-10 PM Saturday and Sunday.

After all I've said, I still feel like I haven't been able to put into words how great of an experience I have every time I visit, so my suggestion is to go experience Rhino for yourself.

I hear (and say myself) way too often that Shreveport is boring, bland, and has nothing to do, so let's make Shreveport what we want it to be and support our local businesses because they are what make a city unique and one-of-a-kind.

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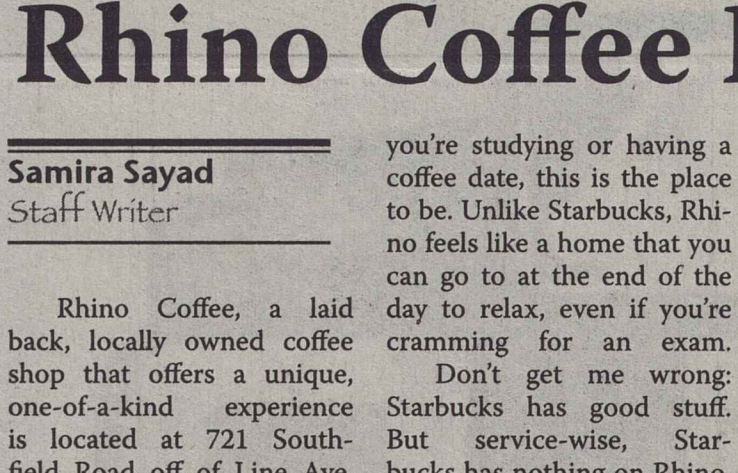

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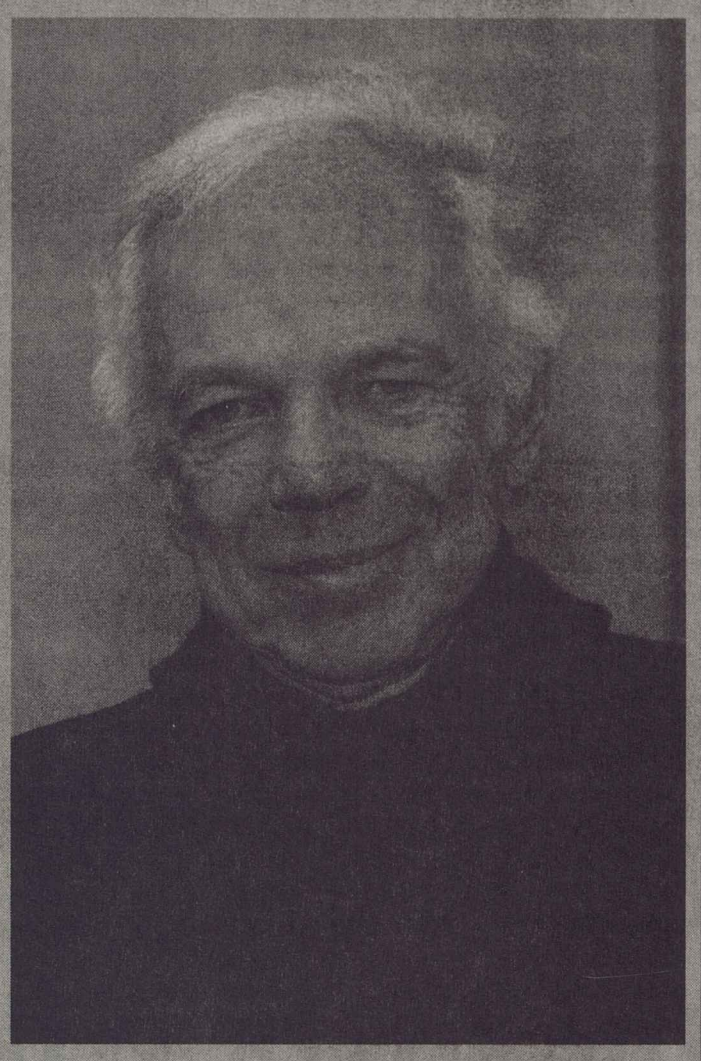
Designer Spotlight: Ralph Lauren



Francesca Lawrence
Staff Writer

Seeing as Polo-branded items are extremely popular on campus, especially for those involved in Greek life, students should know more about this designer they are supporting.

Ralph Lauren, born to a Jewish family on October 14, 1939 in the Bronx, New York, is an American fashion designer best known for his Polo Ralph Lauren clothing brand.

He began his career working as a salesman for Brooks Brothers. In 1967, he was hired by Beau Brummell Ties as a designer.

Then, with financial help from Manhattan clothing manufacturer Norman Hilton, he opened a necktie store where he also sold ties of his own design under the label "Polo," later receiving the rights to use the trademark Polo from Brooks Brothers.

As the years went by he continued to branch out into children's clothes, colognes, footwear, home products, and other merchandise.

He has three very successful sons: Andrew, film producer and actor; David, Senior Vice President at Polo Ralph Lauren and married to Lauren Bush, the granddaughter of George HW Bush; and Dylan, owner of Dylan's Candy Bar.

The renowned Polo emblem was first seen in the 1970s on a line of women's suits tailored in a classic men's style.

The first famous Polo short sleeve men's shirt with the Polo logo was released in 1972 in twenty-four different colors. He also gained recognition for designing costumes for the movie The Great Gatsby in 1973.

In 1997, the company went public and joined the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "RL." By 2007, the company had over 35 boutiques in the United States. It was reported that the firm had revenues of $5 billion for the fiscal year 2009.

As of March 2012, Forbes estimated that Lauren's net worth is about $7.5 billion dollars, making him the 122nd richest person in the world.

Additionally, he is well-known for his expensive hobby of collecting extremely rare automobiles. He owns over seventy cars, including a 1961 Ferrari 250 GTO, three McLaren F1s, and a 1930 Mercedes-Benz Count Trossi SSKs.

He has received seven Coty design awards and was inducted into the Coty Hall of Fame in 1986. In 1992, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Council of American Fashion Designers and a tribute for twenty-five years of impact on American style from the Woolmark Awards.

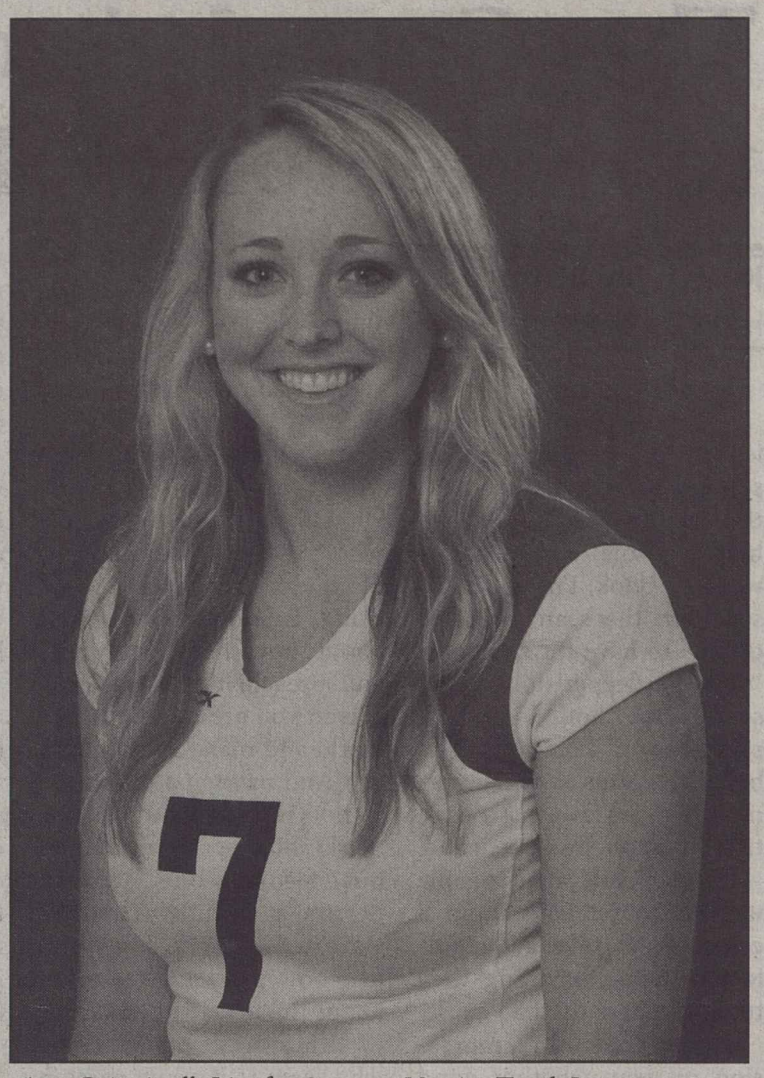
The Council of Fashion Designers later elected him Designer of the Year in 1996. In 2010, Ralph Lauren was decorated Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur by French President Nicolas Sarkozy in Paris.

I hope that the next time you put on your Polo hat, sweater, shirt, etc., you remember this brilliant designer and the hard work he has put into his designs over the past few decades.

SPORTS

Athlete of the Week

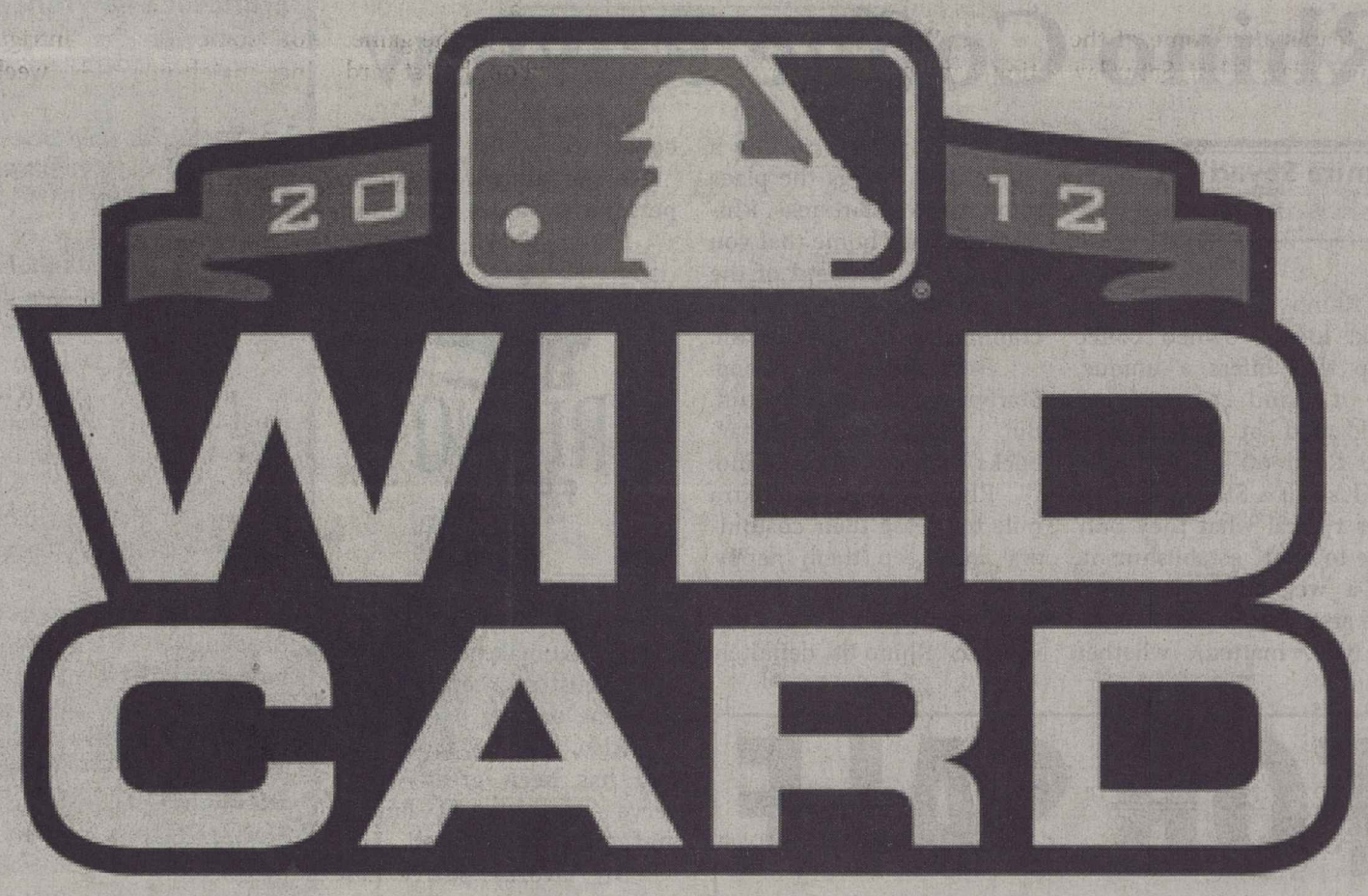
Steven Finley
Sports Editor



Athlete: Brooke Bahlinger
Sport: Volleyball
Classification: Sophomore
Position: Outside hitter
Hometown: Prairieville, LA
Major: History
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Sports Team: LSU Tigers and Dallas Cowboys
Favorite Restaurant: Olive Garden
Favorite Musical Artist: John Mayer and Taylor Swift
Favorite TV Show: Pretty Little Liars
Favorite Movie: Miss Congeniality
Hobbies: Zeta, volleyball, shopping and spending time with friends
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Attending Law School
People you look up to: I look up to my mother and father for the person they have pushed me to become. Regardless of the conflicts we have faced, they taught me to be a better person. I will always look up to them in every aspect of life.
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: Before high school I played a year of club volleyball. My mom was a setter and influenced me to give volleyball a try.
What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: This year, before every game, I aspire to be the carrier of our team. Since our team is so young, the sophomores have to play like seniors.
What is your most memorable moment in your career: My most memorable moment in my career is our first win against Rust College. After 19 losses, the feeling of our first season win was incredible. Our team was lit by an energy we hadn't experienced yet this year.
What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: The only aspect of volleyball I dislike is losing, but even in losing I can learn something. (Oh and these grey shirts that our team fashionably wears daily around campus.) My favorite thing about volleyball is being a part of a team and the competition that drives us all.
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: Brighter than the Sun
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: Being on a team that is undergoing a hard season, I would give younger athletes the advice I've had to learn this year. Losing, whether once in awhile or consistently, can bring a new person out in an athlete. The endurance to never give up and strive to get better regardless of stats and past games will make an athlete better in the end.
Name three things you own that describe you: Competitive, easygoing, optimistic
What is your most over used word or phrase: Here we go
High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: Principal's List for 3 years, National Honors Society, Gallant Griffin High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: Volleyball Varsity Letterman for 3 years, Varsity Track Letterman for 3 years, State Volleyball Tournament for 2 years, 800 meter District Champion, 800 meter 6th in state

MLB Playoffs still Exciting with the Extra Wild Card Team

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer



The MLB playoffs are always an exciting time because anything can happen.

The playoff format is a little different this year as MLB Commissioner, Bud Selig, chose to add an extra Wild Card team to each league.

Five teams would make the playoffs, and both Wild Card teams would play a one game playoff to determine who advanced to the regular 5 game LDS series.

In the first year it was implemented, both number 5 teams won their games.

The Baltimore Orioles, who made the post season for the first time in 15 years, knocked off the defending American League Champions the Last 2 years, the Texas Rangers. National League and defending World Series Champions, the St. Louis Cardinals handled the Atlanta Braves in a bizarre game after a controversial call lead to a game delay due to trash being thrown on the field.

Every series in the LDS has now gone 5 games, which is the first time that has ever happened.

With the San Francisco Giants coming from behind 2-0 and winning 3 on the road to knock the Cincinnati Reds out.

The Oakland A's almost pulled off a similar streak except at home, but the Detroit Tigers beat them in game 5. The Baltimore Orioles forced a game 5 after a 13 inning win in game 4, but couldn't pull off another win in game 5 to continue the magical season.

The St. Louis Cardinals continued their magical success with one strike away from elimination, twice, and still came from behind 6-0 to win 9-7 and ended another magical team's season, the Washington Nationals.

They were in the post season for the first time since moving to Washington in 2005.

The Tigers have been on a hot streak the last few weeks, despite having the worst record of the American League Playoff teams.

They're paced offensively by third baseman Miguel Cabrera, who also had a Triple Crown on the season, and first baseman Prince Fielder who came over via free agency last off-season.

The rotation is led by Justin Verlander and Doug Fister, while the bullpen has Joaquin Benoit and Jose Valverde handling the back-end of the work.

The Yankees will be looking to get their offense clicking again after a quiet series against Baltimore.

They've been on a hot streak and have captured the best record in the American League. Outfielders Raul Ibanez and Ichiro Suzuki, first baseman Mark Teixeira, and short stop Derek Jeter have had an okay series.

Third baseman Alex Rodriguez was benched in game 5 due to struggling all postseason, but Outfielders Curtis Granderson and Nick Swisher have also struggled.

CC Sabathia also had to lead the rotation in game 5, with veteran Andy Pettitte and rookie Phil Hughes supporting the middle of the rotation.

David Robertson and Rafael Soriano have done an excellent job closing out games.

The Giants are led by their strong starting rotation with Matt Cain, Madison Bumgarner, Barry Zito, and Tim Lincecum leading a solid staff that can shut any lineup down on a given night.

They've also got a decent offense this year with franchise players: catcher Buster Posey and third basemen Pablo Sandoval, along with the additions of infielder Marco Scutaro and right fielder Hunter Pence.

Posey is a potential Most Valuable Player of the Year candidate (MVP) after missing most of last year to an injury and had a huge grand slam in game 5 to put the Giants up big near the middle of the game. He clearly is the pulse that has this team running again and will be dangerous this series.

The Cardinals are paced offensively by Outfielders Carlos Beltran, Matt Holiday and first baseman Allen Craig. Last year's postseason hero, David Freese, is back at third base and like him have new names stepping up this post season. Second baseman Daniel Descalso and Short stop Pete Kozma combined for 5 rbi's in game 5 and have been making big plays throughout the postseason.

Their rotation has been good for the most part this year. Ace Adam Wainwright has struggled but still has the ability to get in a rhythm.

Kyle Lohse is having a career year, along with rookie Lance Lynn, and veteran Chris Carpenter is steady as ever after returning from an injury.

The bullpen is exciting with hard throwers Mitchell Boggs and Trevor Rosenthai hitting upper 90s to 100 mph and Jason Motte having a good year as the closer.

The Post Season has been incredible so far this year from come from behind wins, walk-off hits, and other marvelous moments defining why "Legends are Born in October."

SPORTS

NRHH Members Nominate Student as Regional Staff Member of the Year

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Every year the members of the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) on campus select a Resident Life Staff member of the year.

Last year they honored Julie Hughes with this title.

According to Julie, "I was told I received the honor for the job I did as the Sexton Hall Council President and RA last year.

I was completely surprised when told I was being written up for this honor because there are so many other great, hardworking students at Centenary this could have easily gone to."

These were not easy tasks for Julie as she moved in the middle of the spring semester from Sexton Resident Hall as a Community RA and President of Sexton Hall Council to fill the vacant RA position in Rotary Hall.

"CRA is a difficult position because it's hard to integrate self into staff, but it did not stop Julie. She volunteered to take over the tough position of Rotary RA, having to move all of her belongings mid-spring semester.

She was their third RA that year and people were tired of the change, but she overcame these challenges through innovative programming, outreach (making herself available/ showing interest in residents' lives), and even going door-to-door.

She's a two-sport athlete and an RA, three time-consuming things but she works hard to make it all work together.

Even when things don't go as well as planned, she has been earnest in her efforts to recover and improve." said Montgomery Mewers when asked about Julie and the award.

Julie is currently a senior at Centenary College of Louisiana. She is also an RA for Hardin Hall and the captain of the swim team and co-captain of the cross country team.

With all of her hard work and dedication the NRHH here on campus decided to write and submit a bid on Julie's behalf for a regional version of the Staff Member of the Year award.

This bid is being written by Emilie Harmeyer, a current RA in James Hall.

Emilie has gathered comments and feedback from a large portion of Julie's residents last year and plans on submitting the bid soon.

When asked how she felt about this honor Julie stated, "I love representing Centenary as an athlete but I also love enhancing the experience students have here by holding programs and making the dorms a safe, welcoming space."

The Centenary Family wishes you the best of luck Julie.

Entertaining Week of College Football

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The BCS for College Football is going to have an interesting week ranking teams after some of the games played last Saturday. #1 Alabama is expected to remain on top, with a blowout 42-10 win over Missouri.

#2 Oregon had a bye week, but #3 South Carolina is likely dropping out of the Top 5 after dropping a nail-biter in Death Valley against #9 LSU.

The Tigers got a much-needed win after dropping a close one at Florida last week, so they should go up in the polls again. Speaking of Florida, the #4 team remained steady with a 31-17 victory at Vanderbilt.

The biggest upset of the weekend had to be #5 West Virginia getting handled by a not very good Texas Tech team.

Granted the game was on the road, but a 49-14 thumping was not expected, and likely knocks West Virginia out of BCS championship talks. #6 Kansas State almost joined the same state but pulled out a close 27-21 victory over Iowa State.

The most entertaining game of the night by far has the honor of going to #7 Notre Dame and #17 Stanford.

Notre Dame was able to remain unbeaten and should see a jump in the rankings this week. The game went to overtime and Stanford had an opportunity to tie the game. With the ball on the 1st yard line, Stanford failed to get the ball to break the plane as time expired, although the call was controversial.

It was a big blow to a Stanford team that has had tough look this season.

Another PAC-12 team getting a nice win was #11 USC beating Washington 24-14 to keep their first season back from sanctions going well.

#8 Ohio State hung on to defeat a scrappy Indiana team on the road 52 to 49. Indiana scored 22 points in the 4th quarter.

It wasn't all smiles for some of the intriguing match-ups this week. In a natural rival game #13 Oklahoma embarrassed #15 University of Texas at Norman with a 63-21 victory.

Another match-up getting a lot of coverage this week was #22 Texas A&M taking on #23 Louisiana Tech who was ranked for the first time in what has been a feel-good story for a university in Ruston, Louisiana and making noise the last few years.

A&M looked like this would be a breeze with a 21-0 lead after 1 quarter, but Louisiana Tech never died and ended up falling in a heartbreaking fashion 59-57.

Wrapping up the board in the Top 25 were #10 Oregon State over BYU 42-24, #12 Florida State over Boston College 51-7, #18 Louisville over Pittsburg 45-35, #19 Mississippi State over Tennessee 41-31, #20 Rutgers over Syracuse 23-15, #21 Cincinnati over Fordham 49-17, #24 Boise State over Fresno State 20-10, and #25 Michigan over Illinois 45-0.

NFL Update: Week 6

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The Football season has hit that important first juncture where teams hoping to have a chance in the playoff conversation need to get a key win.

There were a lot of close games that came down to the wire and were big losses for certain teams.

The Philadelphia Eagles blew a 10 point lead in the 4th inning and were unable to score in overtime, as the Detroit Lions stun them on the road.

The loss dropped the Eagles back to .500. Another game needing overtime to decide the outcome was the Buffalo Bills and Arizona Cardinals.

The Cardinals have been a surprise this season so far, but couldn't come on top falling 19-16 to a Bills team now back at .500.

The Atlanta Falcons came close to losing what would have been a bad loss to the Oakland Raiders, but they survived 23-20 to remain unbeaten.

The Baltimore Ravens played a thrilling game against a Dallas Cowboys team that has been unpredictable this season.

The Cowboys gave a good effort, making it close at the end, but fell short 31-29 as the Ravens kept their good season going.

The Seattle Seahawks, another surprise, did just that to the New England Patriots beating them 24-23. The Sea Hawks scored 14 in the 4th quarter.

The New York Giants surprised the San Francisco 49ers 26-3 on the road.

The Houston Texans are looking to remain unbeaten, but couldn't knock off the Green Bay Packers as they got back to .500 with the 42-24 win.

The Cleveland Browns got their first win of the season against an inconsistent Cincinnati Bengals team beating them 34-24.

The Miami Dolphins and St. Louis Rams played a close matchup, but the Dolphins prevailed with a 17-14 win keeping both teams at .500.

The New York Jets handled a gritty Indianapolis Colts team blowing them out 35-9.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers got an easy win against the Kansas City Chiefs 38-10, while the Washington Red Skins beat a Minnesota Vikings team 38-26 to improve their record to .500 while cooling off a hot Vikings team.

The week started out in fitting fashion as the Tennessee Titans topped the Pittsburgh Steelers 26-23 for their second win of the year.

The location dictates these teams as both of them have only won at home this year.

Only a few teams have impressive records, while after this week a lot of teams either moved up to .500 or fell back to that, so a long entertaining season is still to go.

Centenary Score Box

Gent's Soccer

Sun, Oct 7 at Colorado College L 2-0
Fri, Oct 12 at Southwestern University L 6-0
Sun, Oct 14 at Trinity University L 7-0

Ladies' Soccer

Fri, Oct 12 at Southwestern University L 2-0
Sun, Oct 14 at Trinity University L 6-0

Volleyball

Sat, Oct 6 vs Trinity University L 3-0
Sat, Oct 6 at Austin College L 3-0
Sun, Oct 7 vs University of Dallas L 3-0
Thu, Oct 11 Rust College W 3-0
Thu, Oct 11 UT Tyler L 3-0

EXTRAS

Brain Food

See if you can figure out these tricky word problems!

1. You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

2. What goes up and down the stairs without moving?

3. I have holes in my top and bottom, my left and right, and in the middle. But I still hold water. What am I?

4. Give me food, and I will live; give me water, and I will die. What am I?

5. Four switches can be turned on or off. One is the lightswitch for the incandescent overhead light in the next room, which is initially off, but you don't know which. The other three switches do nothing. From the room with the switches in it, you can't see whether the light in the next room is turned on or off. You may flip the switches as often and as many times as you like, but once you enter the next room to check on the light, you must be able to say which switch controls the light without flipping the switches any further. (And you can't open the door without entering, either!) How can you determine which switch controls the light?

6. Throw it off the highest building, and I'll not break. But put me in the ocean, and I will. What am I?

7. Three surgeons and a clumsy cook go camping in the remote wilderness. The clumsy cook stumbles over the campfire as he is serving the surgeons, injuring himself and dumping hot stew on the hands of the surgeons. The cook's injuries need surgical treatment. The surgeons' injuries are minor but open. It turns out they brought the equipment necessary for the cook's surgery with them, and they can use the campfire to sterilize the tools. But there are only two rubber gloves. Because of the different surgeons' skills, all three of the surgeons are needed to operate on the cook, in sequence. How can this be done without any of them being exposed to the blood of any of the others?

8. You use a knife to slice my head and weep beside me when I am dead. What am I?

9. A certain crime is punishable if attempted but not punishable if committed. What is it?

10. A black man dressed all in black, wearing a black mask, stands at a crossroads in a totally black-painted town. All of the streetlights in town are broken. There is no moon. A black-painted car without headlights drives straight toward him, but turns in time and doesn't hit him. How did the driver know to swerve?

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HALLOWEEN COSTUME TIPS

1. RAID YOUR FRIENDS' CLOSETS!!
2. CHECK OUT LOCAL GOODWILL & SALVATION ARMY STORES AS WELL AS THRIFT STORES
3. GET CREATIVE WITH CARDBOARD AND PAINT
4. SHOP LATE... HIT UP THOSE CLEARANCE SALES

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Sales Cycling

By Sabine Robinson and Dan Rosandich

HEY, TOMORROW'S HALLOWEEN. LET'S HAVE SOME FUN AND WEAR COSTUMES!
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Students Battle in Mock Presidential Debate

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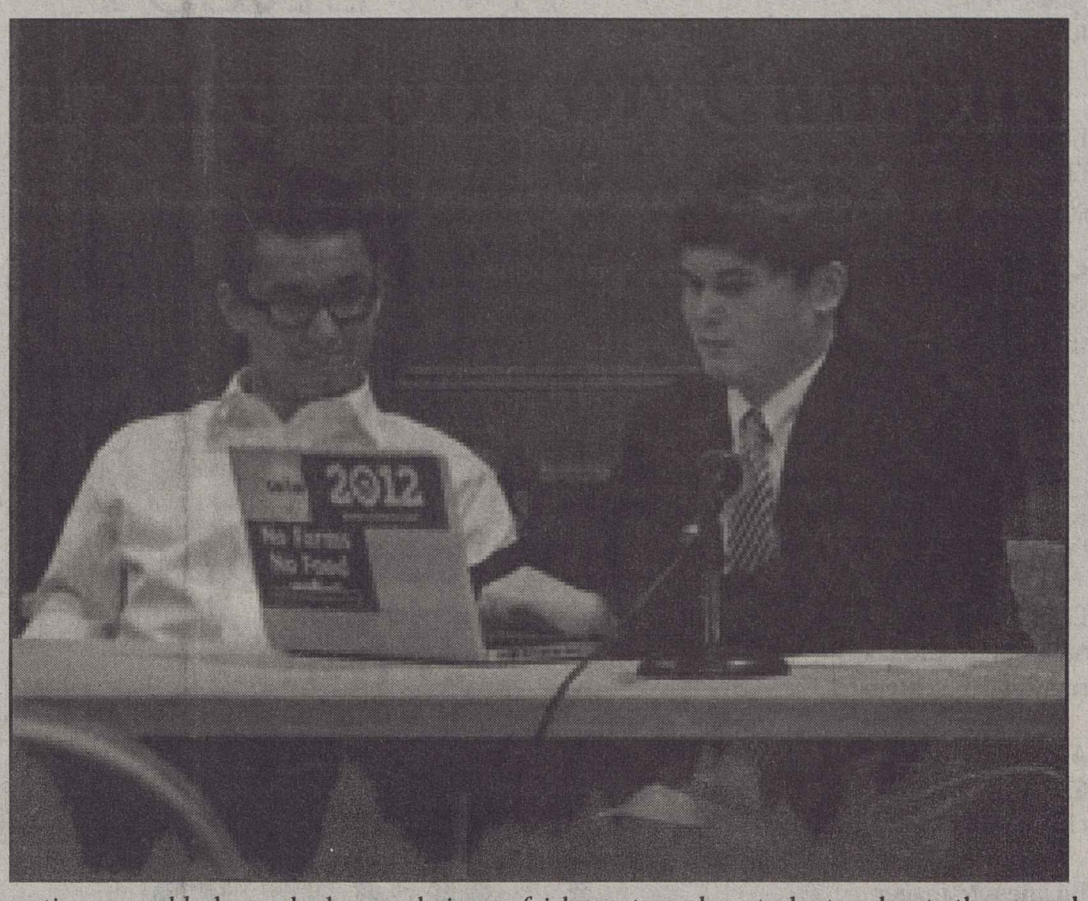

In preparation for the upcoming election in November, the Centenary College Democrats, along with the College Republicans and the Pre-Law Society, held a mock debate on Wednesday, October 24, in the Whited Room.

The evening's activities were started off by Louisiana State Senators Karen Peterson and Barrow Peacock, who explained that the purpose of the evening's activities was to encourage students to vote while being educated on the different parties' stances on the various issues.

Senator Peterson also took the time to criticize Mitt Romney's opinions on the economy, not coloring the tone of the debate at all. (To be fair, she did admit her own bias.)

Each of the four parties had two students representing that party's presidential candidate: Cole Brineman and Dylan Davis for the Democratic Party, Joanna Warren and Rachel Richardson for the Republican Party, Taylor Atkinson and Patrick Weidner for the Green Party, and Ben Sanchez and Sam Bonham for the Libertarian Party.

The debate was structured into two halves.

The first half had a moderator ask questions on several broad topics (such as job creation, taxes, health care, and the role of government) and allowing each party two minutes to answer; the second half was the audience question portion, where more specific questions could be asked (such as questions regarding the Libertarians' policies.)

Each student represented their respective parties fairly and informatively. Each party's representatives really gave the impression that they knew what they were talking about (which is more than can be said for many actual candidates, sad to say), and even though most of the participants were members of the Centenary College Democrats, they all seemed to be representing their parties fairly.

Warren is actually president of this chapter of the College Democrats, yet she presented the Republican view of things very well, actually asking for a rebuttal several times when she thought the Republican view was being unfairly portrayed.

However, there were moments when the discussion became a little too confrontational.

Brineman in particular was prone to raising his voice and asserting that the Republican methods simply did not work.

Audience reactions to such outbursts ranged from startled to amused to "Oh, enough already!" There were also times when students from each party would cite their personal experiences to justify their views—forgetting that they were supposed to be representing a particular candidate and not their own views.

This does not make their points invalid, of course, but considering the point of the exercise was to educate students about the people they would be voting for, it came off as unnecessary.

The stated purpose of this debate was to better educate Centenary students about politics and encourage them to vote, and to a certain extent it was successful; it was more informative regarding the actual views of the candidates than any political ad, at least.

On the other hand, the moments of confrontation and the fact that it was hosted by the College Democrats might cause some students to be a little wary.

Overall, this is a decent way to inform students about politics—though how one convinces students who have no interest in politics to attend a political debate is questionable.

Creating a Safe Zone on Campus

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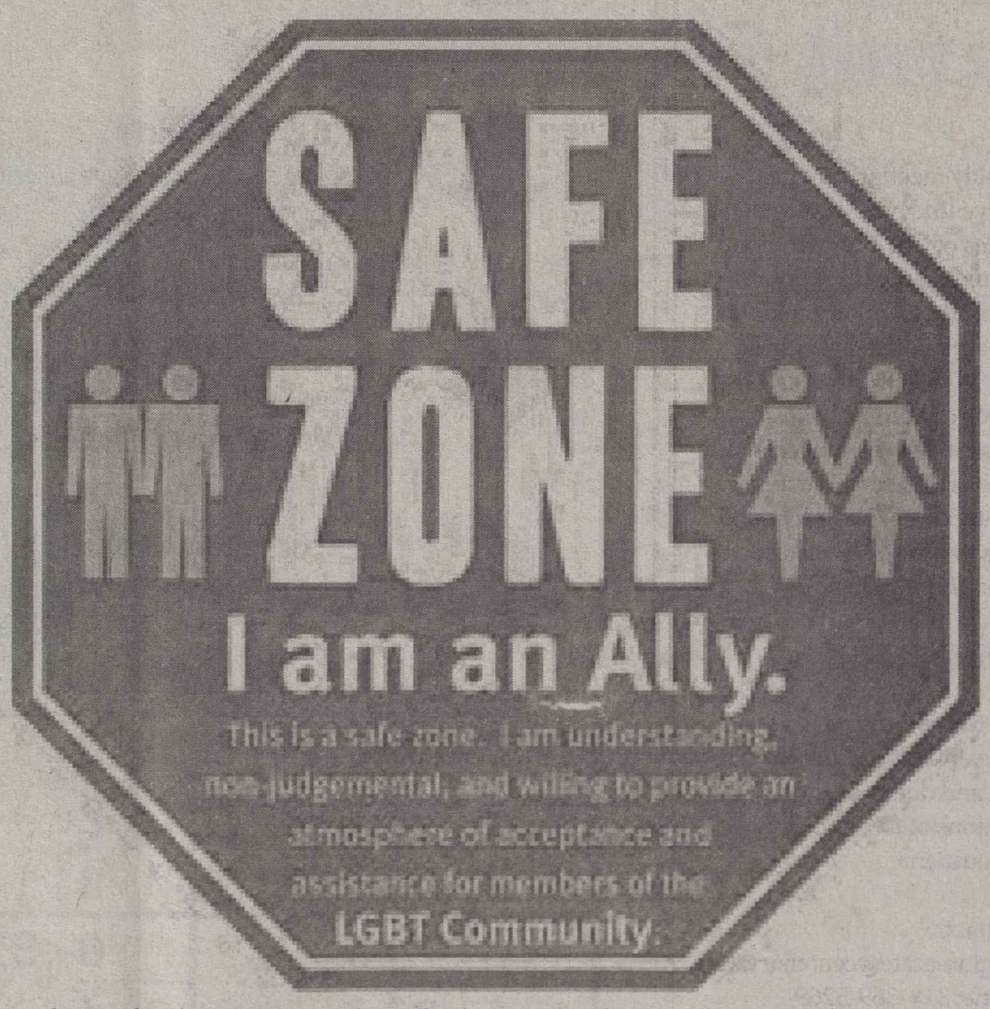
SAFE ZONE
I am an Ally.
This is a safe zone. I am understanding, non-judgemental, and willing to provide an atmosphere of acceptance and assistance for members of the LGBT Community.

Approximately a year and a half ago, a representative from Rollins College, Mahjabeen Rafiuddin, visited Centenary's campus bringing with her details regarding a program known as Safe Zone.

A group of students, faculty, and staff participated in a training session with Mahjabeen to learn some the foundation and ideals of Safe Zone in order to establish the program on Centenary's campus.

While Mahjabeen was only here for a short while, her purpose still exists and is becoming more visible on campus.

Safe Zone garners a presence on campus through various training sessions on issues involving sexual expression, gender identity, and gender expression.

The primary goal of Safe Zone is to develop within the community a deeper awareness of one's personal ideas, stereotypes, and assumptions related to sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

This will ultimately lead to an increased comfort level in addressing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) issues, as well as heterosexism and homophobia.

In the future, the purpose of Safe Zone is to develop a network of staff, faculty, and students supporting LGBTQ students on campus.

The Safe Zone trainers intend to accomplish these ideals by first training groups of students, faculty, and staff who are in direct contact with LGBTQ issues in their jobs while working on Centenary's campus.

The information is delivered through Safe Zone 101 training sessions, which include activities, open discussions, and media.

Some groups already trained include the staff from Office of Admission and Student Development, as well as the student staffs for Orientation and Residence Life.

These specific groups now have more knowledge and experience in addressing questions or problems potential students may have.

This is highly beneficial to the college because

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Go Ladies and Gents!!!

BBRRRrrr
It's starting to get cold... Some buildings should consider turning off the A/C

Sexton Ovens
It's cold out, but the dorm rooms don't need to warm up THIS much!

Schedule Conflicts
The new system has made it very difficult to take the classes we WANT to take

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it will show Centenary's awareness and understanding of LGBTQ issues.

Ultimately, the hope is for Safe Zone to have extended the knowledge to all aspects of campus creating a new, supportive environment.

After 101 training, Safe Zone extends a chance to delve deeper into some of the issues surrounding the LGBTQ community.

After completing Safe Zone 202 training, one can take the title of a Safe Zone Ally.

A Safe Zone Ally is a person who is committed to being a part of the network creating solidarity and a safer and more supportive place for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions at Centenary College.

Allies receive a personalized Safe Zone sign to display in their offices or other visible areas.

Hopefully, professor and staff offices and student dorm rooms all over campus will display the sign creating multiple, visible safe zone's on Centenary's campus.

Safe Zone is offering 101 and 202 trainings to anyone on campus who is interested.

In early November, there will be a campus-wide open meeting to discuss how Centenary can move forward on LGBTQ issues; Outreach will co-sponsor this event.

Finally, the official Centenary Safe Zone website should go live in November. This website will not only have helpful links to information regarding various issues, but will also display all the Allies and their contact information.

"Love is a Leap of Faith"

What do you do when the one person you care about most doesn't believe in God?

What do you do when your significant other of five years gets in a car accident that puts them in a coma?

In the Tony nominated play Next Fall, Geoffrey Nauffts explores faith, loss, and unconditional love in a new presentation at the Marjorie Lyons Playhouse. Next Fall forces audiences to truly examine what it means to believe and what the cost might be for a lack of faith.

Elegantly directed by Centenary College senior Barry James Acosta, Next Fall will have you turning from laughter to tears in a moment.

Sophomore Nathan Gauthier leads the cast in the role of Adam, the writer-turned-school teacher who isn't willing to believe in God or religion.

Freshman Jonathan Slocum stands by his side as the quirky, aspiring actor Luke, who wants nothing more than for Adam to believe in God.

Senior Victoria Chavis provides comic relief and brutal honesty as Holly, Adam's best friend and Luke's boss at a candle shop.

Senior Daniel Proveaux plays Brandon, Luke's ex-best friend. Completing the cast are Juniors Chelsea Hockaday and Robbie Oliva as Arlene and Butch, Luke's divorced and wildly mismatched parents.

Following Luke's accident, these strangers are left waiting on the news of his condition and are forced to rely on one another for comfort and support.

The show will open November 8th and run for one weekend only with performances November 8th, 9th and 10th at 8:00pm and a closing performance on Sunday, November 11th at 2:00pm.

Standard ticket prices are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors and military, $10 for children under 12 and non-Centenary College students with a valid ID.

Tickets can be reserved by visiting www.centenary.edu/playhouse/tickets or by leaving a message on the box office voicemail at 869-5242. The Marjorie Lyons Playhouse is located on Wilkinson Street between Woodlawn Avenue and Alexander Street.

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Sudoku answers

NEWS

Uncertainty in Life Beyond GRE and Graduations

Jason Woods
Staff Writer

As the semester begins to close, students are thinking about what classes they want to take next semester.

Seniors are especially thinking about their future.

Many seniors will be joining the work force post-graduation; others are going to take the GRE test to get into graduate school.

One question that gets tossed around constantly is, "Now what?" What will happen beyond taking the GRE or joining the work force? What is beyond the horizons of undergraduate studies?

No one can tell how a student how to live beyond transitioning into the real world, but some advice wouldn't hurt, right?

As with any new chapter in life, there will be challenges and fears that come along with transitioning into the "real world."

Centenary senior Chris Youngblood states that one fear he has is job stability.

"I mean you (sic) not sure if you will have a job or if you will be able to do the things you want to because of certain other responsibilities you have to worry about."

Another senior Daniel Proveaux stated that "Just the idea that what I want to do in life won't be able to happen because of not being good enough," is a big fear, having lack of confidence.

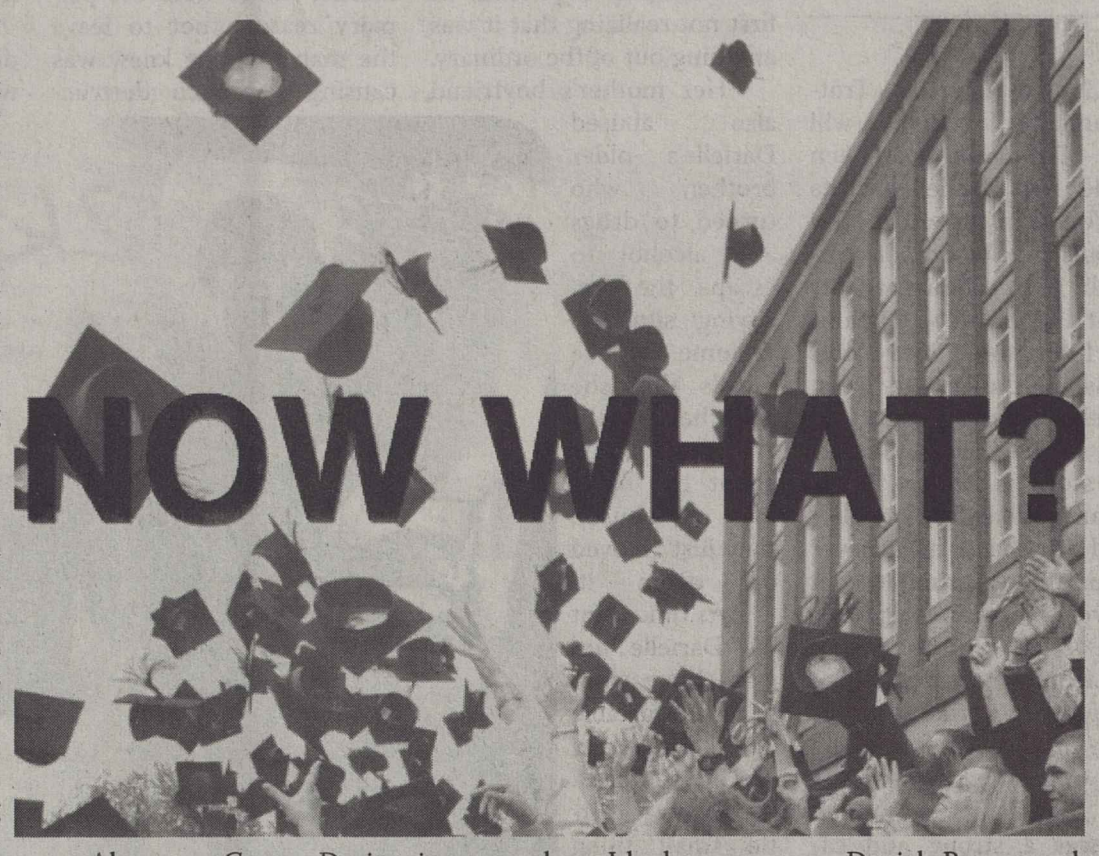
Fellow senior and theatre major BJ Acosta said he "was freaking out" until he took a trip to New York.

He "saw life through new eyes. The world is there for the taking."

Interviews with seniors and alumni of Centenary show that getting involved with organizations and volunteering are hot tickets for employers.

Some alumni and seniors give advice about life beyond college.

Diverse experience and being open to new things are reoccurring themes.



Alumnus Corey Davis ('12) said: "If you're not entirely sure what you want to do, just do lots of things. Test the water and you'll know. And don't be afraid to ask dumb questions."

A.J Scamp, ('11 alumnus) stated "Be open to changing your plans. I had my applications in to various law schools, and ended up deciding to take a year off. In retrospect, it was the best possible decision I could have made. I'd have easily burnt out if I tried to jump immediately into law school."

Daniel Proveaux leaves this advice for underclassmen. "Don't take any opportunity for granted, and don't be afraid to ask questions from your peers or your professors."

It's Fall Ya'll: Fall Fest Recap

Karley Aiken
News Editor

Centenary celebrated Fall Fest 2012 the week of October 15th-19th.

This year's Fall Fest, previously known as Freak Week, was surely unlike any other fall celebration Centenary has seen so far.

The week of celebratory events began with Moonlight Madness, a scrimmage within the men's basketball team between students from Louisiana and Texas. (For the record, Texas won.)

Tuesday's event consisted of the Crescent Circus magic show.

Centenary sophomore Laura Croteau was chosen to join the magician on stage as a part of the show.

Laura claims that this show "was the best event put on by CAB ever!"

Wednesday's event, a CAB sponsored coffee house with Rhino Coffee drinks, CAB mugs, and performances by current and previous students, excited many students, including sophomore Nichole Duvall.

Nichole's favorite part of the event was the music performance component. "My favorite part of the event was the music. Specifically AJ Haynes. I really loved being able to sit and drink my coffee to her music on a beautiful evening among friends."

Thursday was Butt Sketch day, otherwise known as the Day When Sketches of Butts Show Up Everywhere on Facebook.

Sophomore Olivia Gray particularly enjoyed this event as the first butt sketch recipient.

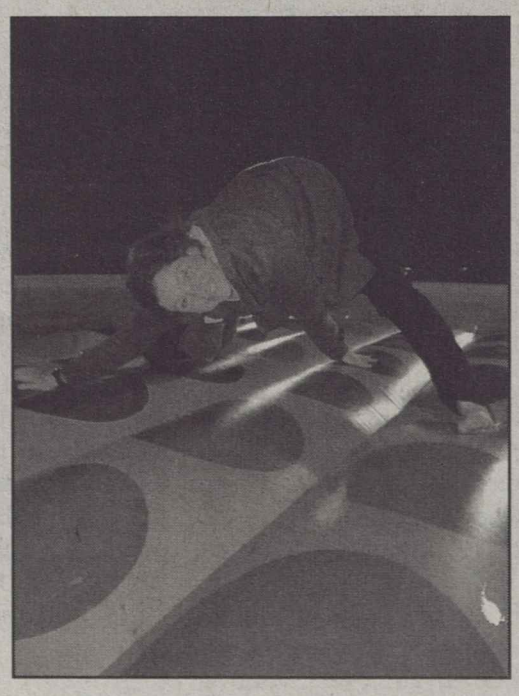
Olivia suggests switching things up next year: "I'd like to have an event like this next year, but maybe with an artist that will draw people in a different position. I wanted to be drawn from the front."

Fall Fest ended on a... bull, literally, with bull-riding and a dance party on Jones Rice Field.

Centenary sophomore Merritt Harrelson says she "liked the event overall, loved it being outside, hated the country music."

As for suggestions for next year, Merritt says "keep the twister and either make the bull less terrifying or replace it with something else that maybe fits whatever the new theme will be."

With consideration of the feedback above, it may be safe to say that Fall Fest 2012 was quite unlike the previous Freak Week, but just, if not more, enjoyable.



National Chemistry Week

During the week of October 22nd, the chemistry club celebrated National Chemistry Week by hosting a variety of events on campus.

A few of these events are pictured below.

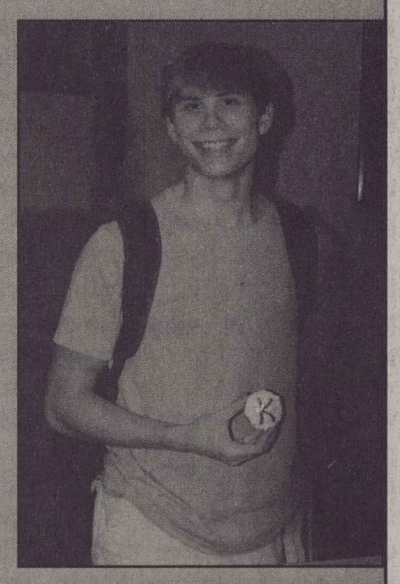
In one. students were invited to observe and then devour a periodic table of cupcakes in Mickle Hall.

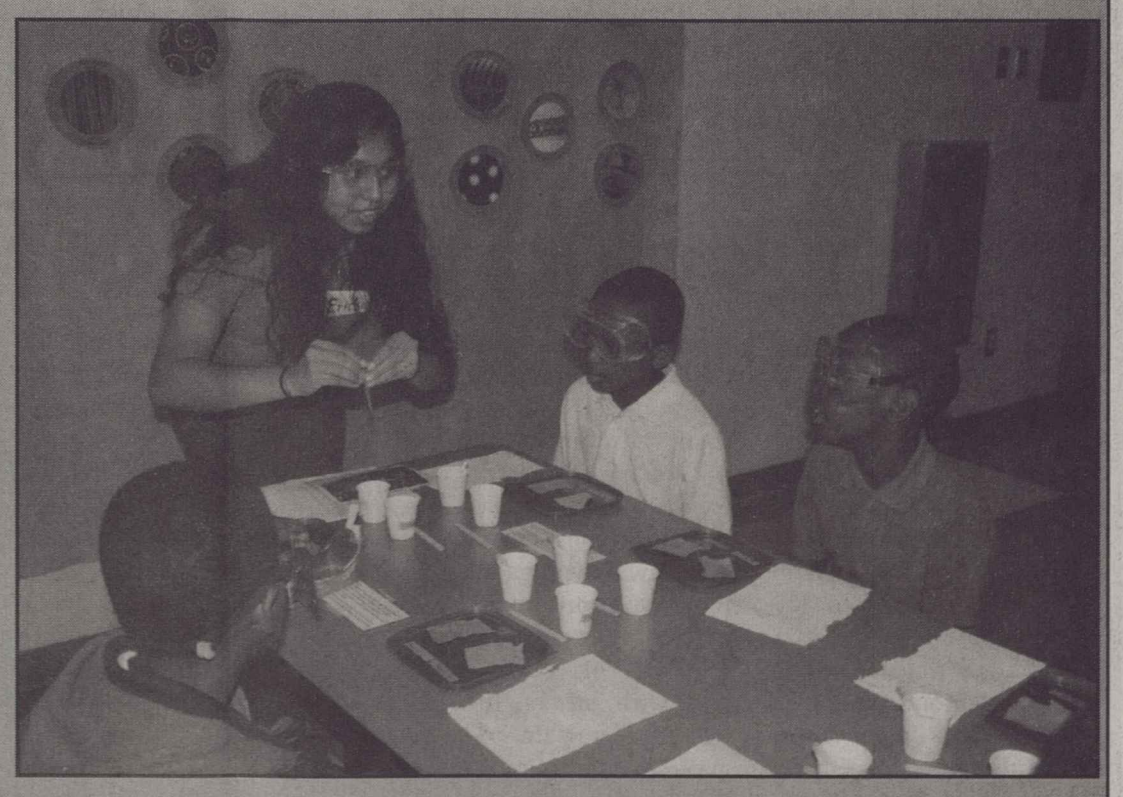
One of the most exciting events included exploding pumpkins on the caf deck. This was done by producing acetylene gas in the pumpkin and then igniting the very flammable gas.

The week ended with an outreach event that took place at Sci-Port.

Over 200 school children from the area participated in three hands-on activities related to this years National Chemistry Week theme which was "Nano-technology: The Smallest BIG Idea In Science".

Members of the chemistry club facilitated the activities. The event was sponsored by the local American Chemical Society and also involved students and faculty from LSUS and East Texas Baptist University as volunteers.





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The Things She Carries

Karley Aiken
News Editor

Google Darielle Trotter, and the first listing will be a Huffington Post Teen article that Darielle wrote for Young in America: New Orleans, a collection of writings by high school students about life in New Orleans.

Huffington Post later published the article when Darielle was a senior at G.W. Carver High School. Her story is honest, painful, and shocking. I wish I could say that I have never heard a story similar. But I have. I think we all have.

Darielle Trotter is originally from Mississippi, where she lived up until 7th grade. Her mother was young and unmarried when she had Darielle, and though she was a strong and capable woman, Darielle had a tumultuous childhood.

When she started 7th grade, Darielle and her family moved to Raceland, Louisiana to live with her mother's boyfriend and his family. It was during this time that Darielle witnessed this new boyfriend abuse her mother.

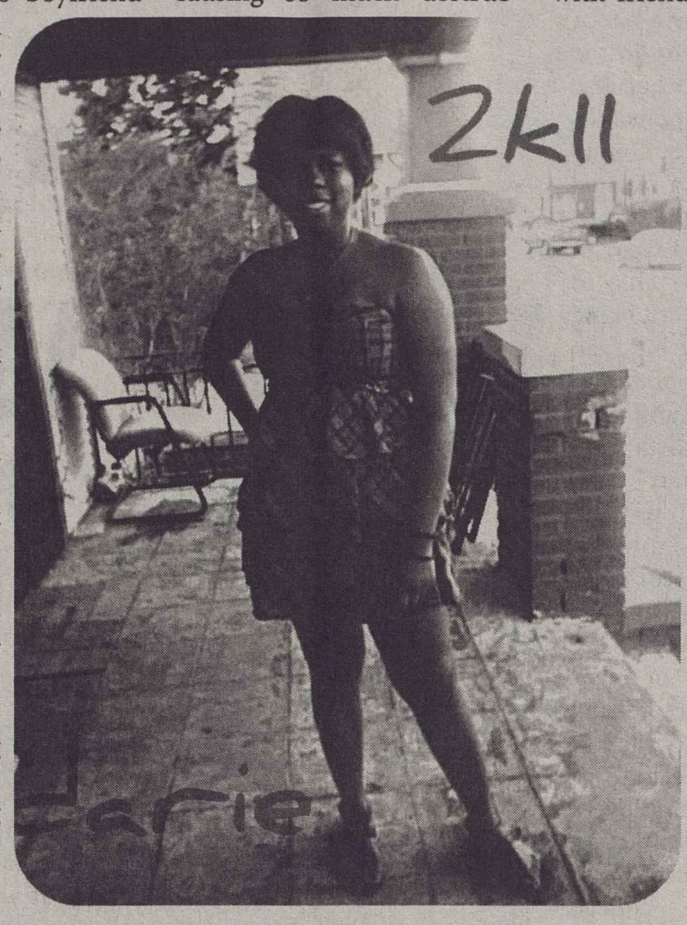
She refers to him now as her stepdad, though her mother never married him. Not long after her, this new man in her life began to abuse Darielle as well. She endured emotional and physical abuse and sexual harassment from her mother's boyfriend, at first not realizing that it was anything out of the ordinary.

Her mother's boyfriend also abused Darielle's older brother, who turned to drugs and alcohol to escape the terrifying situation at home. Darielle recalls that she and her mother "didn't talk about the fighting or abuse"; they just "moved on" from it.

As time went by, Darielle became increasingly uncomfortable and abuse grew more frequent.

"Any little small thing turned into something big, something unnecessary," she said.

She remembers her stepdad having a reoccurring temper with both her and her brother that often quickly escalated into a physical fight. During the two years that Darielle's family lived with her stepdad, communication between her and her mother was virtually absent. Looking back, Darielle's mother claims that financial issues were the primary reasons not to leave the man that she knew was causing so much destruc-



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tion and pain to their family.

Darielle admits that she thought about running away multiple times. When asked why she didn't attempt to, she said, "I couldn't leave my mother in that situation. I'd rather go through it with her than leave her."

Because her stepdad didn't allow her to hang out with friends or do relatively anything outside the house, Darielle immersed herself in her schoolwork. "That was my attention feed," she said. "Being in school . . . was . . . therapeutic in a way."

Darielle decided to try living with her biological father in Georgia during her sophomore year of high school. After moving, she found out that she was pregnant. Darielle was 16 at the time and depressed.

She never wanted to have an abortion, but knew how difficult her life would be to have a baby so young.

Things did not get any easier. She had a miscarriage and suffered even more emotional turmoil than before. She finished out the school year and moved back in with her mother and stepdad.

After moving back from Georgia, Darielle's stepdad left the state for a family member's funeral. It was during this time that Darielle and her mother (her brother had already left the house) secretly escaped to New Orleans to live with her mother's family.

Darielle excelled in her junior year of high school. She traveled, got involved in an after-school program, and did well in her classes.

She graduated from G.W. Carver High School in New Orleans in 2012 and is now a new face at Centenary. I met Darielle through my position as a writing tutor. She candidly shared with me a synopsis of her life story while choosing a topic for her FYE paper.

Darielle is an incredibly strong young woman. Her experience, her childhood, is not just for her. It's not just to make her stronger, to make her a fighter, to teach her about the world. It is for all of us.

It's a story that some of us can relate to. It's a story that shows us the resilience of humans. Darielle said that her childhood and youth has "given [her] a drive to have a better life." She shares her story in hopes that she can help others.

"If I could help just one person," she said, "that is reason enough."

The Talk: I'm Lucky

Cara Lavender
Staff Writer

In response to the presidential election and all of the complaining going on out there, I decided to write this article about how lucky I am as an American woman.

Sure, we have a long way to go to be completely "lady friendly," but compared to things going on in women's lives in other countries, I feel pretty darned peachy.

Let me start by addressing the fact that I am writing an article for a college newspaper. Whoa. I am a woman who can write freely about whatever I please in a newspaper for other people to read.

I am allowed to attend college. That within itself is a huge aspect of my life that I often take for granted—especially when tests come around and when things get tough.

I was reading a story online about a school in Afghanistan. Two sisters were walking to school one morning when a man stopped them and asked them if they were going to school.

When they responded positively, the man ripped off their burqas and sprayed acid in their faces. It didn't stop with these two young women but happened to fourteen others—including the teachers—affiliated with that same school in an attempt to scare women into not attending.

I don't know about you, but I have never been physically harmed for attending school. No one has hunted me down to spray acid in my face because I wanted to learn.

This was a hateful act solely committed to frighten parents who were sending their daughters to school and to scare women from wanting to attend.

These women are incredibly inspiring to me because they did not stay at home after this attack but embraced their education. They are still attending school; one of the girls sustained injuries that affected her ability to see to read, but she still fights everyday for her right to an education.

Coming from me, a raving bra-burner, it is hard to admit that I could feel content as a woman in America, but I can. There are so many horrible things happening to women outside of the US that I could not imagine going through.

Sure, I wish I could never hear another person mention contraceptives to me, or tell me that my stance on abortion is wrong, or that sexism in the work place is just, or be discouraged because I am "weak."

I appreciate the niceties of having a door held for me, but I promise I will not crush under the weight of opening it myself.

But some women can't leave the house to have a door opened for them. Some women do not even know what abortion is because they would never have safe access to medical procedures at all, much less abortion.

Some women will never have access to contraceptives or be allowed in the workforce. I mean, seriously, there are women who have had their female children taken away because they are female.

Some women undergo genital mutilation to make sure that they cannot enjoy sex or to be made sterilized. That certainly is not common practice in America, is it?

I believe that the United States has a long way to go in terms of giving women the decency that they deserve to make their own decisions about healthcare, earning a living on their own, and to be taken seriously when in positions of power.

I do not feel that women have been given equity in America, but I have more rights in America than women in other countries do.

It seems like it would be more fulfilling, for me at least, to reach out to women in other countries that are not as kind to women as the US is and to fight for their rights alongside my own.

Women's rights have come a long way, that's for sure, but we are far from a world where women can live without fear and prejudice (even in the US).

Let us continue to fight for our rights in America while being thankful that we are closer to equity than are our sisters who are fighting for their right to an education, or who fear that they will conceive a female child.

Let's fight because we are able. Be the voice for a woman who cannot. Appreciate what the women before us have been through so that we can sit our asses in a classroom and fail a test, so that we can go work a crappy minimum wage job and feel miserable about it.

Thank you. I'm one of the lucky ones, and you are too.

The Gospel According to Keaton: Forgiveness

Keaton Roberson
Copy Editor

Not too long ago, someone said something hurtful to me. Despite my initial anger at the person, I made the move to forgive him for what he said.

I didn't make a public service announcement. I didn't hold his dog for a ransom. I didn't tell him to put toothpicks underneath his toenails and kick a brick wall.

In a moment of clarity (which took more than a moment), I simply let go of that negative energy and forgave him.

Forgiveness can often be a like swallowing a rock: it's tough, you don't want to do it, and it doesn't go down easily.

Part of our interaction with others, however, will involve pain to a degree. People hurt us, and while some act out of malevolence, most people probably do not intend to.

We face a challenge when trying to understand their reasons, but a bigger obstacle blocking progress is our capacity to release our own resulting inner pain.

Holding grudges will not stop the other person from sleeping at night, and they probably won't be affected by it.

Those negative feelings have an impact on you more than anyone else. No one can soar when they allow the burden of their feelings to weigh them down.

Forgiving someone does not mean you forget what they have done. It does not imply that they have permission to repeat their actions or words.

No one should allow themselves to be a doormat and have their emotions walked all over. Forgiveness acknowledges that you won't let those things happen again, and that you have enough strength to move on.

It's not always easy—and who said it would be?—because the ugliest circumstances can test the depths of our character. Do not build yourself a prison from your past when you can design a palace for your future.

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Lil Wayne Does it for Sport

Colin Brineman
Staff Writer

Dedication 4 will satisfy fans of Lil Wayne's explicit, acrobatic stream-of-consciousness—those that haven't jumped ship after years of auto-tune, a "rock" album, and hash tag lyricism—but it won't win back any of those who've written Wayne off.

Wayne follows the same format on D4 as on his other mixtapes: rapping over beats any rap listener would know. Selections include 2 Chainz's "No Lie," Meek Mill's "Amen," and Ca$h Out's "Cashin' Out," among others.

Only one beat is original ("No Worries," currently a radio single), making Wayne an outlier among established rappers. See recent offerings by Waka Flocka Flame, Ace Hood, and Big Sean—the overwhelming trend for several years has been to treat mixtapes more like albums, replete with new beats.

Wayne seems to be saying to the game that he doesn't care what the trend is, he's just gonna do him. His selection of beats does not seem to have been very careful, however, and he doesn't tear each beat to shreds like he used to.

He seems content just to rap what's on his mind, that is to say sex, drugs, and (recently) skateboarding.

The surprise beat selections on D4 aren't necessarily good, but they are interesting. Before he starts his verse on "Green Ranger," he states flatly, "I don't even like this beat, but f*** it."

When you're rapping over a G. Dep beat from 2001, it seems like you should probably have a rationale. Not Weezy, though; DJ Drama threw him the beat, so he rapped over it.

That either says something about Wayne's work ethic or his lack of any apparent interest in creative control; it's an ambiguous statement to make on the most anticipated mixtape of 2012.

His decision to remix 13-year-old Chicago rapper Lil Mouse's infamous "Get Smoked" is not going to win him any role-model-of-the-year awards.

It's obvious Wayne's trying to cash in on the success Kanye West has had with his remix of 16-year-old Chicago rapper Chief Keef's "I Don't Like," a remix so beloved people don't even seem to know is a remix.

Whatever the moral ambiguities involved in endorsing the decline of Chicago's youth, "Get Smoked" is one of the highlights of D4.

The most talked-about track on D4, however, is Wayne's version of "Mercy"—or rather, Nicki Minaj's feature. Her presidential endorsement ("I'm a Republican voting for Mitt Romney / You lazy b****es is f***ing up the economy") was, before the embassy attacks and debates, arguably the major piece of political news.

Orlando radio station Power 95.3 even asked the President what he thought of Nicki's supposed endorsement, to which he responded that she "likes to play different characters," and was probably kidding around.

Nicki took to Twitter to clarify that the President was right, and that she in fact supported his reelection. Musically speaking, however, the important thing about Nicki's verse on "Mercy" is that it's as good as any she's ever spit.

Wayne's verse on "Mercy" plays with the original lyrics in a way typical of his style throughout D4. Referencing 2 Chainz's "All my cars is foreign / All my broads is foreign," Wayne offers up (among other, unprintable lines), "All my whores is whoring."

Whether or not you laugh at that line is a fair indication of whether or not you're going to consider D4 clever and fun or just lazy. Sure, I prefer the originals to Wayne's versions of a lot of these songs, but I still love the Wayne versions.

DJ Drama shouts at the beginning of the mixtape, "This is for sport!" That's the best perspective to have on D4. All the criticism of Wayne ignores his own perspective on himself as an artist today.

He told Atlanta radio station Hot 107.9 in the run-up to the mixtape's release, "It does get pretty boring when it comes to just the rapping and all that type of stuff."

Wayne's worth almost $100 million, and he turned 30-years-old on September 27th. He must have recorded over a thousand songs. He's launched the careers of artists that are now household names (like Drake, astonishingly absent from D4 given his otherwise ubiquity).

So, instead of griping about Dedication 4's lack of jaw-droppers, just be grateful and wish the man a happy birthday. Given all the drugs he does, we're lucky he's still alive.

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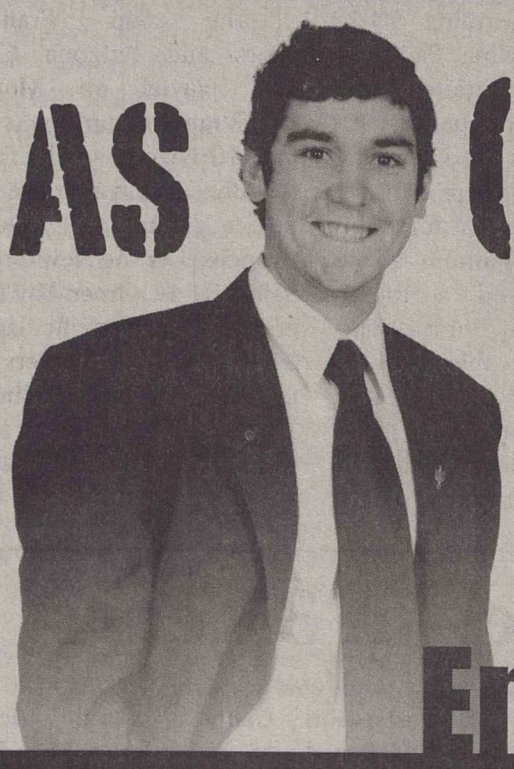
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Errors Abound

Jacob Robison
Copy Editor

I started writing for The Conglomerate last year, my freshman year, and it was all new to me. In high school, I was never interested in journalism.

The idea of representing the truth seemed boring; I preferred the fictional world of creative writing, but I wanted to give journalism a shot, so I did, and it didn't work out so well.

I wrote maybe two articles that year, and they were mediocre at best, since I was still getting used to the style of journalism. I had no motivation, no drive to write any further, so I rarely showed up to meetings.

I am not proud of my lack of commitment, but while I was on the outside, I heard a lot more about the paper from my peers.

People would read the paper and immediately start complaining, and trust me, I had a lot to complain about last year too, but I at least tried to help. These people kept bashing and insulting the writers.

There was no helpful criticism. It was mostly, "Oh my god, I could so easily write better than everyone in this paper," but talking only means so much. In all honesty, if you think you can write better than someone, come to a meeting and pick up an article. New writers are always welcome.

Even if you don't feel up to writing an article yourself, remember that the writers are students, too. What are students in school for? To learn, to study.

There is only so much help we get with our articles, so we're mostly on our own, and we have schoolwork and jobs to worry about as well. And speaking for myself, I've always got some personal problem plaguing my life, as I'm sure many students do.

Humans make mistakes. We all do. I sure do, and will continue to do so inevitably, but I will do my best to fix my faults. This article isn't asking the readers to forgive the mistakes of writers, but simply to remember how easy it can be to make mistakes.

Put yourself in the writer's shoes for a moment. Imagine your friends and fellow students reading your article and laughing, mocking it. Maybe you thought it was pretty good, but they don't. How does that feel?

Criticism is a writer's best friend, but sheer negative criticism can be hard to handle for a young writer. I'm writing this article to defend my fellow writers who are trying their best. These are my personal opinions, not the opinions of The Conglomerate as a whole.

As one of the copy editors, it is my job to find errors in articles before they go into the paper, so I've seen articles at some of their worst, but we're all still learning. Please remember that. Thanks for reading.

SPORTS

Athlete of the Week

Steven Finley
Sports Editor

Athlete: Justine Russell
Sport: Ladies Soccer
Classification: Junior
Position: Defense
Hometown: Shreveport
Major: Geology
Favorite Color: Yellow
Favorite Sports Team: University of Alabama! ROLL TIDE!
Favorite Restaurant: Chik-fil-a
Favorite Musical Artist: I will listen to anything except heavy metal.
Favorite TV Show: Walking Dead
Favorite Movie: Bridesmaids
Hobbies: Cooking
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Environmental law
People you look up to: My mother
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I was 5 and my parents wanted me to play a sport with my classmates.
What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: I envision the game and see how I should play.
What is your most memorable moment in your career: The first time I stepped on the field to play college soccer my freshman year against ULM, which we lost in overtime.
What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: It's a team sport so I heavily rely on my other teammates. This is my favorite and least favorite thing; you love them, but there are times they drive you insane.
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: You have to be able to run for long amounts of time and have fun with it.
Name three things you own that describe you: Cheery, sarcastic, and a good listener
What is your most over used word or phrase: Goober
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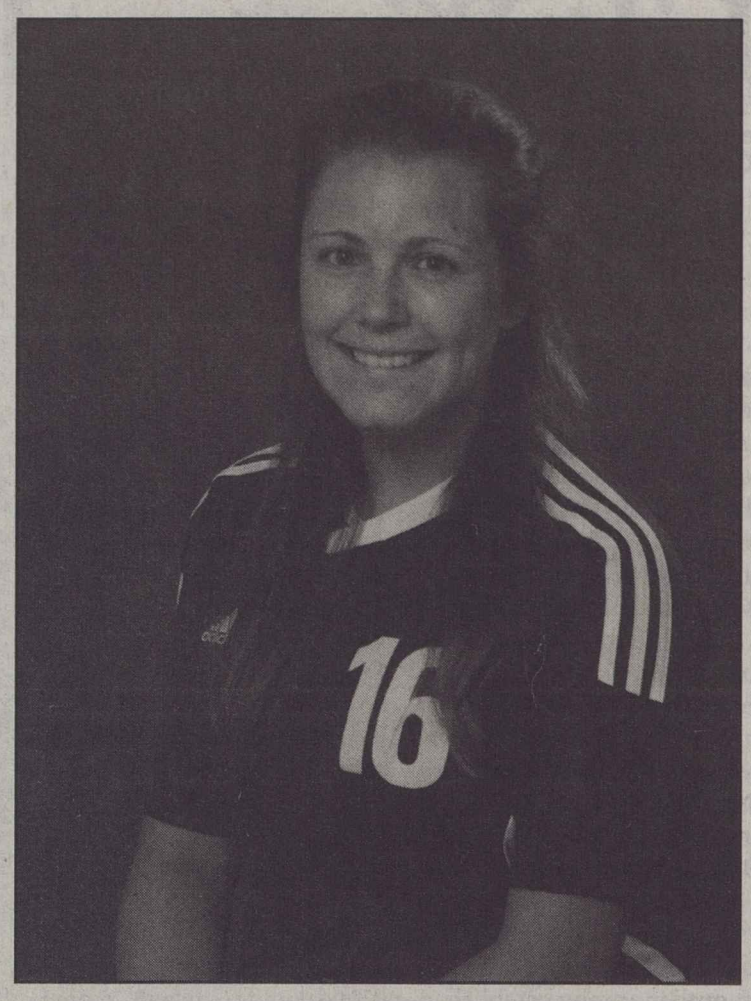


College Football Wrap-Up

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

As football passes the halfway point of the season, some of the top teams in the nation took some hits to their bids for a spot in the playoff race for the top 4 rankings.

#2 Florida was one of these particular teams, falling to #10 Georgia 17-9. Florida was sloppy, committing six turnovers and will be playing another critical game against LSU next week, who could be looking to replace them at the top.

#1 Alabama kept rolling, even against #11 Mississippi State, to remain in position at the top next week with a 38-7 victory, and #3 Kansas State secured another week being in the conversation with a 55-24 win over #14 Texas Tech.

#4 Oregon routed Colorado 70-14.

#5 Notre Dame probably could be arguably moved up after a convincing win over #8 Oklahoma on the road 30-13.

Some teams not moving up and probably falling out of discussion and/or out of the Top 25 include: #7 Oregon State, #9 USC, #15 Rutgers, #22 Michigan, #24 Ohio, and #25 Wisconsin.

Oregon State was handed their first loss by a pesky Washington team that beat them by a 30-yard field goal with 1:20 left.

USC fell in similar fate by losing 39-36 to Arizona, and it was their second conference loss of the year.

Kent State shocked an undefeated Rutgers team by stealing a win on the road 35-23, and Michigan fell 23-9 to Nebraska.

Ohio, who was ranked for the first time since 1968, saw it short-lived as they made a costly mistake at the end of the game.

They lost track of timeouts remaining with nine seconds and passed up a game-tying field goal and failed to convert and fell 23-20.

Wisconsin went to overtime and fell for the first time at home since 2009 to Michigan State 16-13.

#16 Louisville survived at home in overtime to top Cincinnati 34-31.

Some teams rebounding from difficult losses last weekend were University of Texas and Texas A&M.

Texas barely got by Kansas 21-17, and Texas A&M handled a struggling Auburn team 63-21.

#13 South Carolina has also been struggling and nearly fell again, but hung on to top Tennessee 38-35.

#12 Florida State won 48-7, #17 Stanford beat Washington State 24-7, #18 Clemson beat Wake Forrest 42-13, and #21 Boise State beat Wyoming 45-14.

Next week should be a telling tale for how the rest of the season will be for some teams depending on the results.

Some will remain in the conversation, while others will just be playing for a respectably good bowl.

NFL Update

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

It was a week full of controversy and close finals in the NFL.

The biggest call probably came in the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants game.

The Cowboys almost handed the Giants their first loss of the year after erasing a 23-point deficit. However, The Giants were up 29-24 and would hold on after what appeared to be a 37-yard touchdown catch was ruled out of bounds by wide receiver Dez Bryant.

A team that did manage to come back was the Chicago Bears winning 23-22 over the Carolina Panthers.

The Bears trailed 19-7 in the fourth quarter. An odd game was the Cleveland Browns beating the San Diego Chargers 7-6 for their second win at home in a row.

They scored a touchdown in the first quarter and were able to hold on the rest of the way.

The Detroit Lions got a big win at home; as QB Matthew Stafford threw a touchdown pass with 20 seconds left in the game to top the Seattle Sea Hawks 28-24.

Indianapolis needed overtime to complete their comeback win over the Tennessee Titans, beating them 19-13.

The Atlanta Falcons, another team looking to stay undefeated, beat the Philadelphia Eagles 30-17. It was the first time to be 7-0 in Falcons history.

There were a few big blowouts this weekend too. The New England Patriots rolled against the St. Louis Rams 45-7.

The Miami Dolphins surprised the New York Jets with a 30-9 victory in what was a big game for the Jets potentially for the season.

The San Francisco 49ers and Arizona Cardinals played on Monday.

Wrapping up the scoreboard this week was the Tampa Bay Buccaneers over the Minnesota Vikings 36-17, Denver Broncos over the New Orleans Saints 34-14, Green Bay Packers over Jacksonville Jaguars 24-15, Pittsburg Steelers over the Washington Red Skins 27-12, and Oakland Raiders over the Kansas City Chiefs 26-16.

Giants Clinch Second World Series in 3 Years

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Sometimes baseball is about getting hot at the right moment, and both teams in the Fall Classic have been doing that this entire postseason.

The Detroit Tigers, from the American League, had to win a crucial game 5 after almost losing a 2-0 series lead to Oakland before getting really hot and sweeping the New York Yankees in four games.

In the National League the San Francisco Giants have been down to their elimination game multiple times in both the NLDS and NLCS.

They won three in a row against the Cincinnati Reds and the St. Louis Cardinals to come back from elimination and advance to the next round.

The Giants haven't stopped since coming back from down three, and they have won seven games in a row, including a four game sweep over the Detroit Tigers.

The Giants pitching staff went 20 innings without allowing a run until Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the third inning in game 4.

That was also the first time in 56 innings the Giants were trailing in a game.

Game 1 the Giants offense lit up Tigers ace, Justin Verlander, and scored 9 runs on the night.

Barry Zito and the Giant's bullpen didn't need much run support as they shut them down. The final was 9-3.

Game 2 was a pitching duel between Tigers Doug Fister and Giants Matt Bumgarner, but the Giants got a critical stolen base in the 8th by Marcos Scutaro, which led to an intentional walk and regular walk before Hunter Pence drove in Scutaro with a Sacrifice Fly.

That would be the second run of the night, but closer Sergio Romo didn't need it when he retired the bottom of the ninth in order. Giants took that game 2-0.

Game 3 the series shifted back to Detroit, where the weather was a little chillier and the home crowd was looking for a critical win.

Unfortunately it was much like in San Francisco where the Giants got timely hitting, and the pitching shut the door. Ryan Vogelsong, starting for the Giants, pitched 5.2 innings before giving the ball to last year's Cy Young Winner Tim Lincecum.

Lincecum has struggled all year as a starter, but he is thriving in this postseason role as a reliever, and bridged the gap to the ninth for Romo who got the save in a 2-0 win.

Game 4 was a little more competitive for the Tigers. Triple Crown Winner, Miguel Cabrera, ended a 20 inning scoreless streak with a 2-run homer off Giant's Ace Matt Cain.

The game would go to extra innings, with both pitching staffs doing their best to hold a 3-3 tie that had been that way since the sixth inning when the Tigers knotted it again.

It was the Giants that got the game winning hit in the 10th inning and were able to hold on for the four game sweep.

Second Baseman and MVP of the NLCS, Marco Scutaro, delivered the go-ahead single with two outs. The game ended with Cabrera caught looking at strike three by Romo.

Cleanup hitter, Prince Fielder, went 1-14 in the series. The offense hit .159 combined while only scoring a total of six runs and had 20 hits.

Giants pitching staff combined for a 1.42 earn run average (ERA), and got clutch offense when they needed it.

Third Baseman Pablo Sandoval got World Series MVP. He set the tone in game 1 with three home runs off Tiger's Ace, Justin Verlander, and hit .500 (8 for 16) this series.

The Giants played in six elimination games this post season and won all of them. This is also the third year in a row a National League team has won the World Series.

SPORTS

Senior Athlete Spotlight

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

The Gent's Soccer team proudly is represented by senior Robbie Ramirez, straight out of Dallas, Texas.

Ramirez defends the Gent's goal and organizes the field for his teammates.

Without further ado, the goalkeeper and friend the team knows: Robbie Ramirez.

Ramirez blows out the candles on October 11th and is 22 years old.

His favorite color is blue and his hobbies include: listening to music, watching television, and working out.

Favorite movie is Gladiator and favorite T.V. show is Entourage.

His favorite band is Incubus and his favorite restaurant is Mi Cocina.

His favorite sport's team is Chelsea Football Club out of London England.

Ramirez is pursuing a degree in Economics and Business Administration.

After graduating from Centenary College Ramirez plans to immediately receive a job to gain as much experience as possible to, hopefully, one day work for Southwest Airlines.

Ramirez admits his hero, father Fernando Ramirez, developed his passion for the game: "My dad always coached me as a kid," he says, "because he had a deep appreciation for the game. As I grew older I came to appreciate it as much as he did, and I couldn't get enough of it."

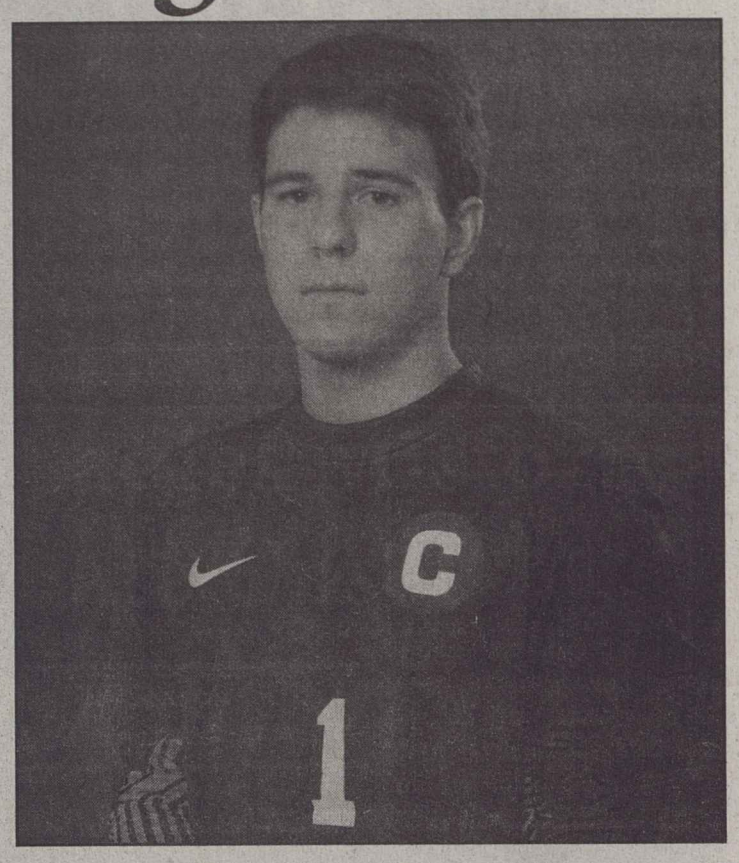
As a child Ramirez dreamed of becoming a professional soccer player.

In preparation for game day Ramirez enjoys an inspirational movie the night before.

Normally, the day of the game Ramirez relaxes throughout the day until it is time to go to the locker room.

"That's when I get in the zone," he says." I like to listen to my music which gets my adrenaline going."

Ramirez imparts this advice to all athletes that trail behind: "Make goals for yourself-- short-term and long-term goals. Never give up on your dreams because if you do one day you'll regret it."



Gents Chink Opponent's Armor

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

Gents Soccer moves into the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference tournament with a newfound confidence.

The Gents won their last two conference regular season games against Colorado College and University of Dallas at Mayo Field after winning against Texas College, 3- nil.

The Gents face Southwestern University in the first round of the conference tournament.

Friday, October 26th the Gents faced Colorado College. Colorado College coming out after already beating the Gents earlier in the season-- 2- nil.

Colorado College fired the first shots of the game, eventually out-shooting the Gents 19 to 10.

However, Gent's Goalkeeper senior Robbie Ramirez would not allow anything into the goal.

Six Gents posted shots in the game against Colorado College, including; senior Adam Ghaemmaghami who scored for the Gents in the 71st minute bringing the Gent's to a 1-nil lead over their opponents. Ghaemmaghami scored the only goal for the Gents.

90 minutes of wanting success and one goal later the Gents sit on a two game winning streak.

Sunday, October 28th-- the Gents faced University of Dallas. U-Dallas forced an unfortunate loss, 4-2, for the Gents earlier in the season.

U-Dallas took the first shots of the game against the Gents and outshot the Gents 16 to 12.

However, it was Ghaemmaghami who scored for the Gents in the ninth minute of the game and again in the 63rd minute.

Leaving the scoreline 2-nil at the closing of the game.

"It feels great to be a part of any win. My goals were the product of ten other player's handwork. They set me up to be successful and we were able to score the winning goals. Couldn't have done it without them," said Ghaemmaghami.

Senior Spencer Nickerson said," I feel very confident going into the conference tournament, because we have been able to string some results together and build momentum going into the conference tournament. Plus, anything can happen and it's good for us to have this momentum going into the conference tournament."

180 minutes of wanting success and three goals later the Gents sit on a three game winning streak moving into their last home game and into the SCAC tournament.

Approaching the conference tournament Ghaemmaghami says, "I could not be any more confident about our chances going into the conference tournament. Things are finally clicking for us and we will be a dangerous opponent for any team."

Felix Breaks Records!

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

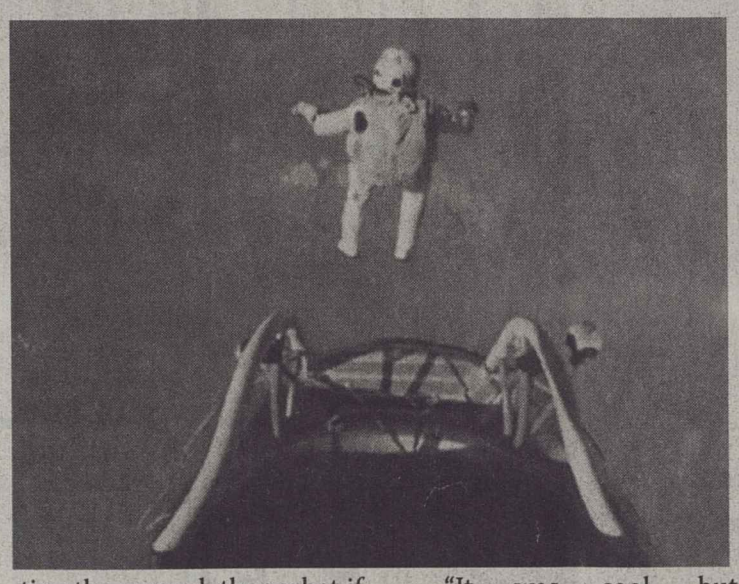
Records are broken by extraordinary people such as: Tony Hawk, with the 900; Travis Pastrana, double backflip on a dirt bike; Danny Way, jumping the Great Wall of China and performing an ollie over four feet tall; and now Felix Baumgartner.

October 14th, 2012-- Austrian Daredevil Felix Baumgartner, after five years of preparation for the Red Bull Stratos Project, set out to jump from about 24 miles above the earth, an extraordinary feat.

Baumgartner achieved what he set out to do and still managed to land on his feet after falling for roughly four and a half minutes at staggering speeds-- breaking the sound barrier, a feat which brought a ton of attention to Baumgartner.

Around two and a half minutes, Baumgartner free fell out of control at high speeds.

If some say that a person who falls from the top of a tall building dies of a heart attack before even hitting the ground, then what if that distance is 24 miles in the air? How much adrenaline could one person stand?



It was harder than I expected," Baumgartner said," trust me, when you stand up there on top of the world, you become so humble. It's not about breaking records any more. It's not about getting scientific data. It's all about coming home."

Two Centenary students, Juniors Alyssa Smith and Chase Rials, watched and responded to the remarkable free fall.

Smith and Rials agreed Baumgartner's feat is fascinating. "It was cool, but someone is going to top it later," Rials says.

Baumgartner took the next step; what is the next step after? Rials says "badminton in space" could be the next step.

Certainly the sky is not the limit anymore thanks to Felix Baumgartner.

Smith says, "If it were my husband I would not be able to watch him jump."

Baumgartner free fell for four and a half minutes while the world watched him perform his extraordinary feat. 24 miles. 4 minutes. 834 MPH. 1 jump. Extraordinary. What is next?

Ladies Misfortunate Upset

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

Sunday, October 28th-- The Ladies fell to University of Dallas in an upsetting loss.

The U-Dallas girls scored four goals against the Centenary Ladies and outshot the Ladies 26 to 8.

The Ladies' Sophomore Carly Slovensky shot first from a corner taken by Freshman Amanda Atwell.

Slovensky's shot started the eight unfortunate shots from the Centenary Ladies.

Slovensky shot six times with four on goal. Unfortunately none of her shots found the back of the net.

Unfortunately the U-Dallas ladies found the net making it a 3- nil scoreline by half time.

Full time score was 4-nil in favor of the U-Dallas ladies. This loss brought the Centenary Ladies to a 4-9-1 season finishing up season play in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Rebecca Brunter (2), Kaitlin Meske (1), and Marin Chambers (1) scored the goals for U-Dallas.

Brunter scored her two goals in the first ten minutes of the game. Meske scored in the 32nd minute and Chambers in the 80th minute.

The ladies head into the SCAC tournament this weekend. Good luck, Ladies!

Answers to Brain Food

1. The match.
2. Six (Three for each team)
3. Not if he isn't dead yet.
4. None. Noah was the one with the ark.
5. No. If he has a widow, he's dead.
6. None
7. Incorrectly
8. Any number of times. 21 minus 2 is 19, every single time.
9. As many as you can carry, if they aren't in dollar-based currencies.
10. About half way. After that, he starts running out of the woods.

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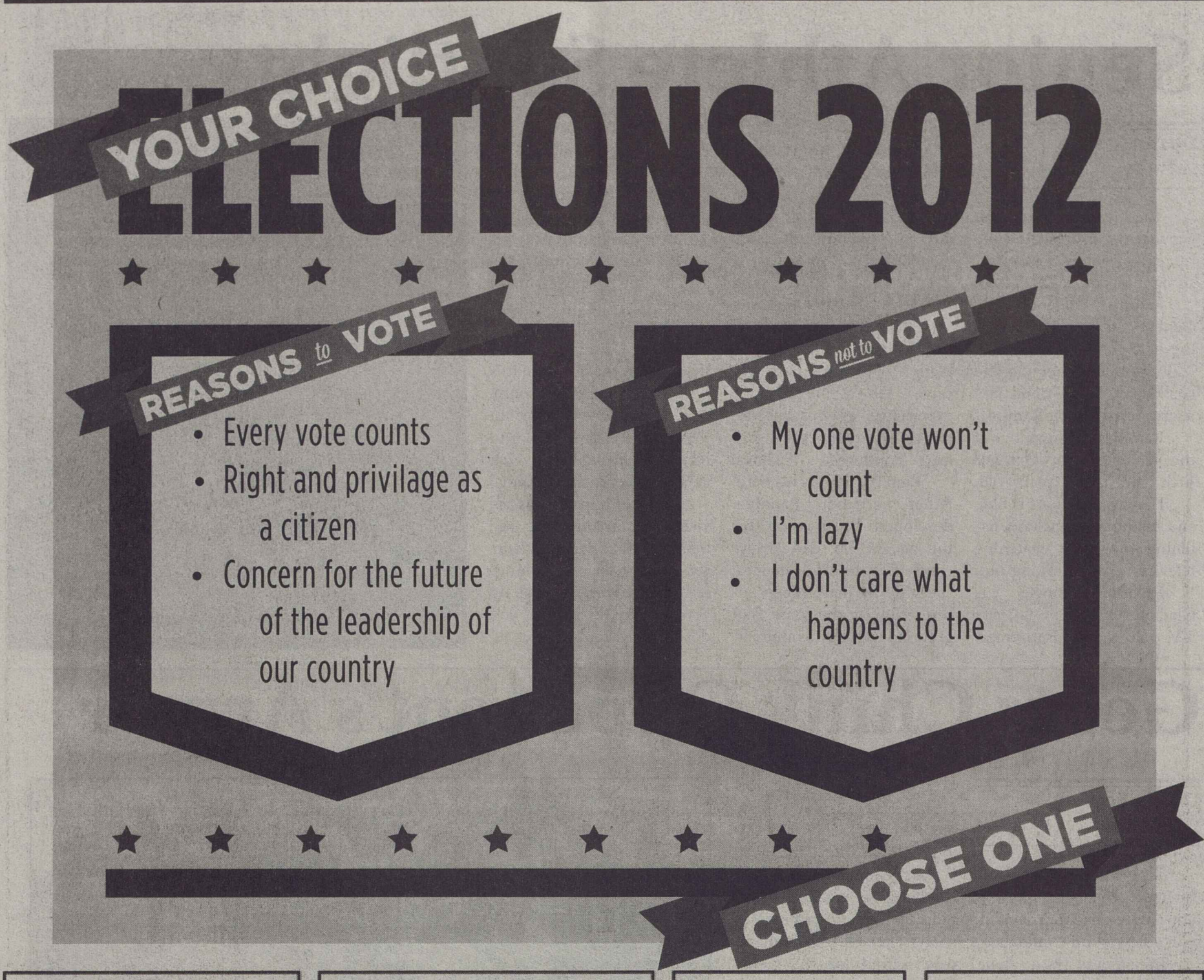
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• Concern for the future of the leadership of our country
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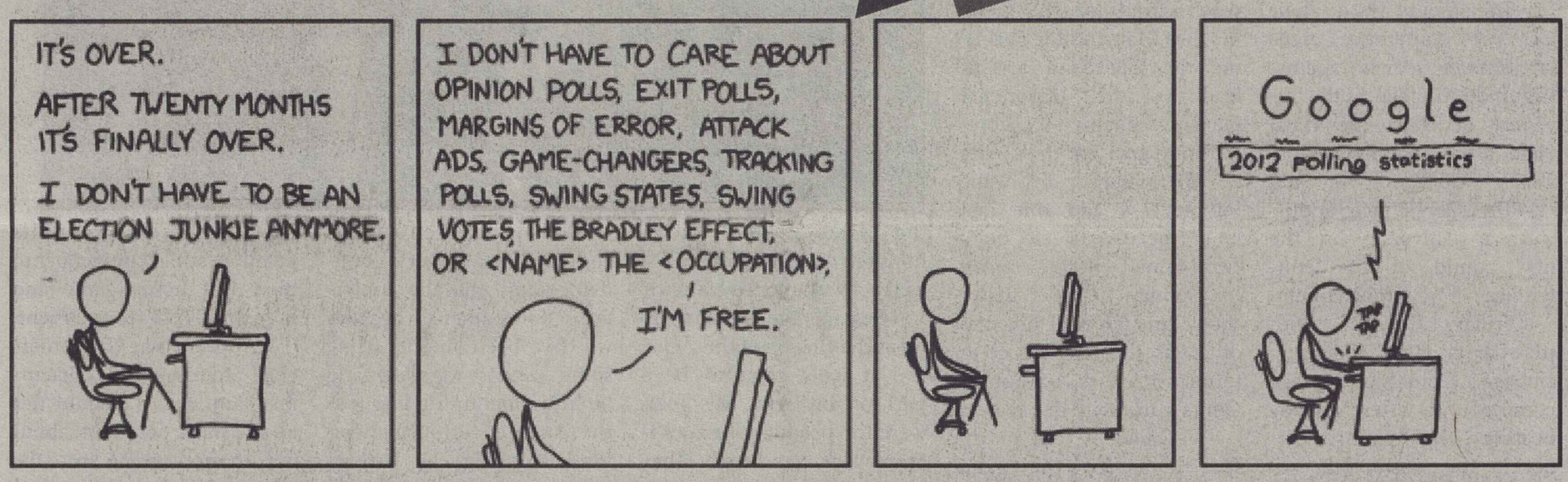
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Brain Food

See if you can figure out these tricky word problems!

1. If you had one match and entered a room in which there were a kerosene lamp, an oil burner, and a wood burning stove, which would you light first?
2. How many outs in an inning?
3. Is it legal for a man living west of the Mississippi River to be buried east of the Mississippi River?
4. How many animals of each gender did Moses take aboard the ark?
5. In North Carolina, is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?
6. How much dirt is there in a hole in the ground that's two feet wide, three feet long, and four feet deep?
7. What word is always spelled incorrectly?
8. How many times can you subtract 2 from 21 without getting a negative number for an answer?
9. What's the largest number of coins you can have without having even change for a dollar?
10. A dog can run fifty miles in a day. How far could he run into a 120 square mile forest in two days?

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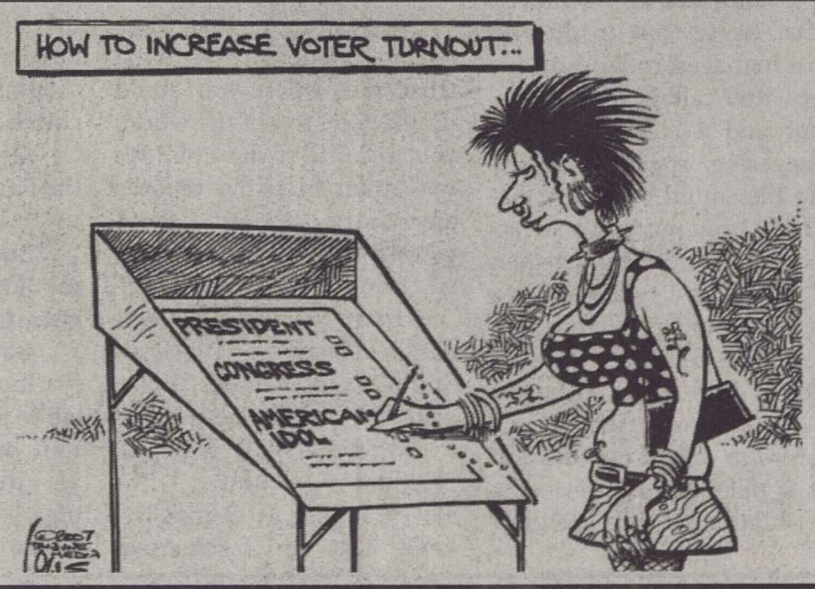

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ELECTIONS 2012 RESULTS

OBAMA WINS SECOND TERM

Andrea Violet
Editor in Chief

With a very close popular vote margin, Obama was elected to a second term. However, the electoral vote margin was anything but close, Obama taking it with 332 votes to 206 for Romney.

Obama edged out Romney in all but one of the battleground states by one to two percent and even closer, less than 1%, in Florida.

Popular vote totals were 62,372,073 for Obama and 58,996,528 for Romney.

It was thought to be a close election, with Romney having a lead in many polls just a week before the election. Then Hurricane Sandy came, which knocked the campaign out of the news cycle for several days. It put the polls at dead even going into the election. The election was thought to hinge on Ohio, which was supposed to be the one state that was necessary for either candidate to win the election.

It was a critical state, but Florida, which was also critical to both candidates, didn't finish its vote count until four days later, and became very anti-climactic in adding to Obama's vote totals. Obama had picked up so many of the battleground states that neither was absolutely necessary.

The Republican Party maintained control of the US House of Representatives, with 233 seats to 195 seats for the Democratic Party.

Democrats retained control and added several seats in the Senate with 53 seats to 45 for the Republicans.

Since this split is the same as it has been since the mid-term elections in 2010, the gridlock which has haunted every major decision since that election will probably continue.

Until the economy either improves enough or gets so bad that citizens have a clear choice one way or the other, the struggle between opposing ideologies makes it difficult to effect real progress.

Many of the same decisions that have been kicked down the road in the last four years are looming very large at this point.

The largest of which is the "fiscal cliff" situation. The debt ceiling has to be raised again if the Congress and President can't agree on enough spending cuts to lower the need to borrow more money.

Automatic cuts will go into effect to the military and many programs if an agreement cannot be reached.

Republicans don't want the military cuts, fearing it will weaken our military. Democrats don't want cuts to the entitlement programs.

Economists seem to think if the automatic cuts go into effect, they may put the nation back into recession. Rating agencies have warned that if an agreement is not reached, the nation may face another downgrade in its credit rating.

It will be interesting to see if the seriousness of the situation will make either side any more inclined to compromise.

Coincidence, Not!

Andrea Violet
Editor in Chief

Stories and incidents coming out of the White House lately are just too coincidental to be believable.

The latest incident, the resignation of CIA Director, Four Star General David Patraeus, comes just 5 days before Petraeus was to testify before Congress concerning his dealings with the attack on the US Consulate in Libya.

Petraeus put out the Obama story of the attack being caused by the "video" which supposedly caused the uprisings in Egypt.

It has since been proven that that story was totally untrue and that everyone in the administration knew it was false from the beginning.

Petraeus testimony could have provided real insight into why that story was put out to the American people instead of the fact that it was a pre-planned terrorist attack.

The "current story" is that the Petraeus investigation of an extramarital affair has been going on for some time.

By law the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is supposed to be briefed on any investigations of this type. The head of this committee, Diane Feinstein, learned of it from media inquiries after the story broke.

James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, was supposedly informed at 5pm on election day and the President supposedly didn't learn of it until Petraeus handed him his resignation.

There doesn't seem to be the best of communication in this administration. Why did this investigation just now surface after the election and days before he was to testify?

This holding of information from the American people comes on the heels of a story concerning an Iranian fighter jet firing on an unarmed American drone over international waters being held for days until after the election.

To date there has been no real American response to the provocation. Prior to this incident, the whole Libyan Consulate story debacle was covered up and confused in order to keep it a "non story" until after the election.

The American people were told early on that the attack on the Consulate was caused by a spontaneous uprising due to the same video causing the Egyptian uprisings.

As long as two weeks later, Obama was still talking about the video at the United Nations.

It has since been proven that at least the State Department was watching the

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Answers

1. Polish
2. That that is, is; that that is not, is not. Is not that it? It is.
3. Eight thousand. When books sit on shelves, the first page of the book is the rightmost page, and the last page is the leftmost page. So you can t count the pages in the first and last volumes.
4. A minute and a half.
5. The match.
6. An hour. You take one right away, take the next a half hour later, and the last one a half hour after that.
7. George.
8. Any number of times. 21 minus 2 is 19, every single time.
9. Apply a tourniquet, and you won t.
10. Who cares? I want to see how that half a boy can

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Centenary Students' Participate in KONY 2012 Move DC:

A student's recount of the trip

Ellen Orr
Life Editor

My roommate calls me "The Facebook Queen" because I am a social media fanatic. If we're connected on the Interwebz, you know that I had the time of my life in Washington, D.C. a couple of weekends ago.

The ten of us activists left from the Turner parking lot at four o'clock in the morning.

I was too pumped to be tired; we all were. But by the time the sun had come up and gone down, I was sleepy and unable to rest in our jam-packed-with-acquaintances-and-strangers van.

So I turned to Facebook and updated my status, to remind myself why I was doing what I was doing:

"To be a true lover, you've gotta be a fighter.

Today, we've driven about 1,000 miles, and we have about 200 to go tonight. Tomorrow, we'll be out the door and in the streets of DC before the sun has risen. We'll stand and march and sweat and shiver all day. And we'll do it all happily—because we know that our small efforts make a big difference.

We love people. We love justice, liberty, and happy families. We love pretty grins on babies. We love mom hugs. We love laughs. And it's because we love these things SO much that we have no option but to fight—or the child soldiers' safe homecomings, for the families' relief, for INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE. For the end of crimes against humanity... For a world we can be proud of.

If my mother taught me anything, it's that 'love' is active. So if I'm going to claim to love this planet and its people, I sure as hell better fight for 'em.

I can't wait to show Barack Obama, Ban Ki-Moon, Fatou Bensouda, and other global leaders tomorrow how much I LOVE my human family and how hard I will FIGHT for us.

'Our liberty is bound together."

That was the self-assurance I needed. I perked up again and was on my way.

Now, fast-forward through arriving at the hotel at 2 a.m. and then waking a few hours later to go to the summit.

Fast-forward through the summit and the march around the White House. Fast-forward through the Global Dance Party, through Jordan crowd-surfing.

Fast-forward through us finding a tapas restaurant and salsa dancing with some elderly folks.

And finally, fast-forward through us happily getting lost on our way back to the hotel (taking the "Abbey Road" picture and "Gangam Style" dancing with complete strangers on the sidewalk along the way), crashing at the hotel, and waking a few hours later to drive back to Shreveport.

The drive back is supposed to suck—that's the rule of thumb, right? The drive to the destination is fun, because everyone is excited about the trip. But the road home is usually a snooze-fest.

That was certainly not the case in our situation.

We played car games, jammed to some bad '90s music, listened to Dane Cook stand-up acts, and showed each other the photos we'd each gotten the day before.

Then it got late, and I was getting sleepy, and some room had opened up on one of the seats, so I took advantage and lay back, closed my eyes, and listened to the noises of the van. And then I found myself grinning. Really grinning.

So, to Facebook I went:

"It's 10:30pm. We've been driving since 8:00am; this means we've driven over 34 hours so far this weekend (sixish to go).

The most sleep most of us have gotten, beginning Thursday night, is maybe twelve or thirteen hours. We've marched. We've jumped and shaken.

We've gotten lost in the streets of DC. Sounds like a recipe for exhaustion and grumpiness, right?

But we've also laughed, cried, sang, danced, hugged. And that? That's a recipe for incredible friendship.

(This sleep deprivation may be a recipe for corniness—excuse me.)

Now, as we head back south, all are chatting, jamming, laughing over newly formed inside jokes with people who were strangers only three days ago. And I'm smiling from ear to ear—because this is just all too lovely.

Yesterday, Sean Stephenson, at the Summit, spoke of how friendship is our most valuable tool in ending LRA atrocities. I didn't really get it until this moment."

Turns out, it wasn't the sleep deprivation that caused my mushiness; I still feel the way I did in that moment.

I still know that our friendships that developed or strengthened over that weekend will help propel and sustain activism on campus and in Shreveport—and friendships like ours will help propel and sustain activism all over the world.

Because, yes, if you love something, you fight for it.

But if you're fighting that hard and that often and for something that heavy, you've gotta have some love in there somewhere.

And that's where dance and inside jokes and general fun come in, I think. That's where friends come in.

NEWS

Model Arab League

Jordan Ring
Staff Writer

For several moments my only thought was that could have been me. I could have been one among the dead that day.

Fortunately, however, I was only reading reports of the car bombing in the Ashrafiyeh district in Beirut.

Three months before I was staying at the Hotel Alexander just meters from where the explosion took place as part of a ten days study visit to Lebanon.

My experience reading the news reports and watching the video film from the aftermath was completely unnerving.

Living in our highly militarized world, I have seen numerous footage reels of physical and human destruction. But watching the footage from neighborhoods I recognized, from streets I travelled down, caused an emotional reaction to the violence unlike anything I have experienced before.

Part of what made the experience so overwhelming is that for me, traveling causes you to create a special connection to the people and places you meet. Part of your heart becomes attached to them so that you experience such devastation with them. You share in their sense of loss.

Despite the feelings that I could have fallen victim to the attack, I would not have traded my opportunity to travel which was made possible by the Summer Fellowship Program with the National Council on U.S. Arab-Relations (NCUSAR).

I became affiliated with the NCUSAR through my participation in Centenary's Model Arab League. Each year our delegation participates in Southwest Model Arab League (MAL) conference to be hosted this year at Texas A&M-Commerce.

Model Arab League is a simulated exercise that allows participating delegates to role play as representatives of member-state interests on various councils.

Our delegates self-select into council assignments that range anywhere from social and political affairs to joint defense to economics.

Council assignments allow delegates to narrow their research to specific topics within the purview of their council.

The goal is to help our delegates develop a clearer understanding of the regional issues actual Arab League faces as well as to help our delegation create a more nuanced understanding of our state's position on these key issues.

It is NCUSAR's objective to help students of any academic background create a more holistic understanding of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) in order to overcome many of the perceptions of the region.

Fully committed to these objectives, the NCUSAR regularly sponsors students on study visits to countries throughout MENA with all expenses paid.

Participants in MAL also have access to intensive language programs hosted abroad as well as unique internship opportunities in D.C.

Therefore if you are interested in the MENA region, interested in travelling with all expenses paid, or interning in D.C., check out Centenary's Model Arab League and see how you can get involved.

You never know where your experience with MAL may lead you. But wherever it takes you, you will see the world in a new light.

Mascot Mania

Jacob Robison
Copy Editor

Centenary recently celebrated its annual homecoming, which was run by SGA, and it went off mostly without a hitch.

Last year's homecoming theme was Maroon and White; this year's theme was GentFest and took place from November 2nd to November 4th.

Some students reacted to the homecoming theme unexpectedly. They had a problem with the name having only "Gent" in it. One common phrase going around campus was, "Only 42% of our students matter," which referred to the females on campus (58%) not being represented in the name. But the problem goes beyond that.

President of the National Organization for Women chapter on campus, Sara Whittington, has a problem with the Ladies and Gents themselves. "My problem is that they are binary," Whittington explained, in this case binary being used to describe gender, "I know that's an issue with me because I don't register under binary; that doesn't mean that everyone else needs to accommodate me, but I am paying a hefty amount to this school."

Before such an issue can even be addressed, the school mascot must first be specified.

In 2007 Centenary's students voted to change the mascot to the Catahoulas, in order to complement the ladies and gents nickname, and a Catahoula dog named Skeeter was adopted from a dog rescue mission. Unfortunately Skeeter is not with us today, but he will be remembered fondly by those students who had the chance to know him.

With Skeeter gone, does that mean that Centenary's mascot is still the Catahoula? Whittington did some research herself, but came to mostly inconclusive answers. From what she has been told, however, the Catahoula suits currently in storage will be put to retirement this year, most likely leaving Centenary to revert back to the Ladies and Gents.

There was a survey held early on this school year by SGA representatives who sat out in front of the cafeteria and asked students to choose between a few new mascot ideas.

There were some decent choices, and unfortunately not the less popular choice of the Centenary Centaurs, but nothing really stood out. There has been no update on a possible mascot change since then, leaving the centenary mascot in ambiguity, where it may remain for some time.

Science Becomes a Circus

Jason Woods
Staff Writer

The Physics and Chemistry departments at Centenary recently demonstrated their talents in the sciences with the Physics and Chemistry Circus.

Current and prospective students alike were amazed at the magic that was science.

Performed in and outside Kilpatrick Auditorium, bottles filled with liquid nitrogen exploded into the sky, flames came to life in song, pumpkins and balloons were set ablaze, and eyes along with minds were thoroughly messed with as the presenters did their experiments with nearly flawless execution.

The event started out with Chemistry professor Dr. Joshua Lawrence exploding pumpkins and junior Lea Hair making a thermite reaction so hot that it could "burn a car battery," in senior Everett Grimley's words.

Sophomores Hinton Foster and Zachary Stielper used liquid nitrogen to create a bomb that almost blew up in Dr. Ticich's face during his presentation on combustible balloons! (Hydrogen and oxygen together are very combustible.)

From there the circus went inside, featuring demonstrations from the imploding barrel by Physics professor Dr. Troy Messina, burning money (!) by senior Michael Reeks, singing flames by sophomore Paige Prichett, burning cotton (which isn't boring) by junior Cassie Warden, the color changing oscillating reaction by junior Ericka Vasquez and dehydration of sugar by sophomore Ben Sanchez.

Other ones included Biophysics professor Dr. Juan Rodriguez's demonstration of laser effects on the eye.

One of the most interesting demonstrations of the event was the bed of nails experiment, performed by Andrea Lemus and senior Matt Ursua.

Ursua laid on a bed of nails while Lemus placed a cinderblock on him, breaking said cinderblock in order to show how the more area something takes, the less pressure that is placed on the ground.

The example that was given prior to the experiment was comparing a heel of a woman's shoe to a bottom of elephant's foot. More pressure is placed on the heel because less area to place on the ground.

The prospective students were left with surprises about the experience, even the loose melted iron that was given out to students were a part of the experience.

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attack unfold in real time from a drone overhead.

From further investigation of communications within the administration, it was shown that they knew from the first day it was a terrorist attack.

A terrorist attack did not fit with the election talking points of Al Qaeda being put back on its heels with the death of Bin Laden.

Very little of the mainstream media even covered the story, preferring to help it stay a "non story" until after the election. 60 Minutes just released a clip of their interview with Obama which was not originally run in which he says it was an attack on Americans.

Why was it not put in the original showing of the interview?

The Petraeus resignation is just the last in a series of stories which seem to be timed for specific purposes, not for the edification of the American people.

Until the media viewing public insist that their chosen outlet start questioning why the viewing public is not given straight stories in real time, we will continue to be spoon fed a cooked version of anything the administration does not want known.

LIFE

Schools for Schools Chapter Takes Road-trip to D.C. for "MOVE: DC"

Ellen Orr
Life Editor

Imagine being in a van with eight other people for a total of forty hours within a three-day period.

Yikes.

Now imagine being in a sea of activists from all over the world, all dressed in the same gear, all excited beyond compare, circling the U.S. Capitol in support of a cause you're all passionate about.

That's better.

The members of our Schools for Schools chapter are loading up in a 15-passenger van tomorrow morning at 4 a.m. and heading towards Washington, D.C. for "MOVE: DC," a rally being hosted by Invisible Children.

The event is being held in correlation with "The Global Summit on the LRA," which will draw leaders from all over the world to discuss the end of warlord Joseph Kony and LRA atrocities.

All students involved are overcome with excitement.

"We have been given this incredible opportunity to actively pursue a cause we believe to be just and important," sophomore Emilie Harmeyer said, "and when we gather together like this for one cause, we have the power to move the world."

Sophomore Lauren Moore agrees.

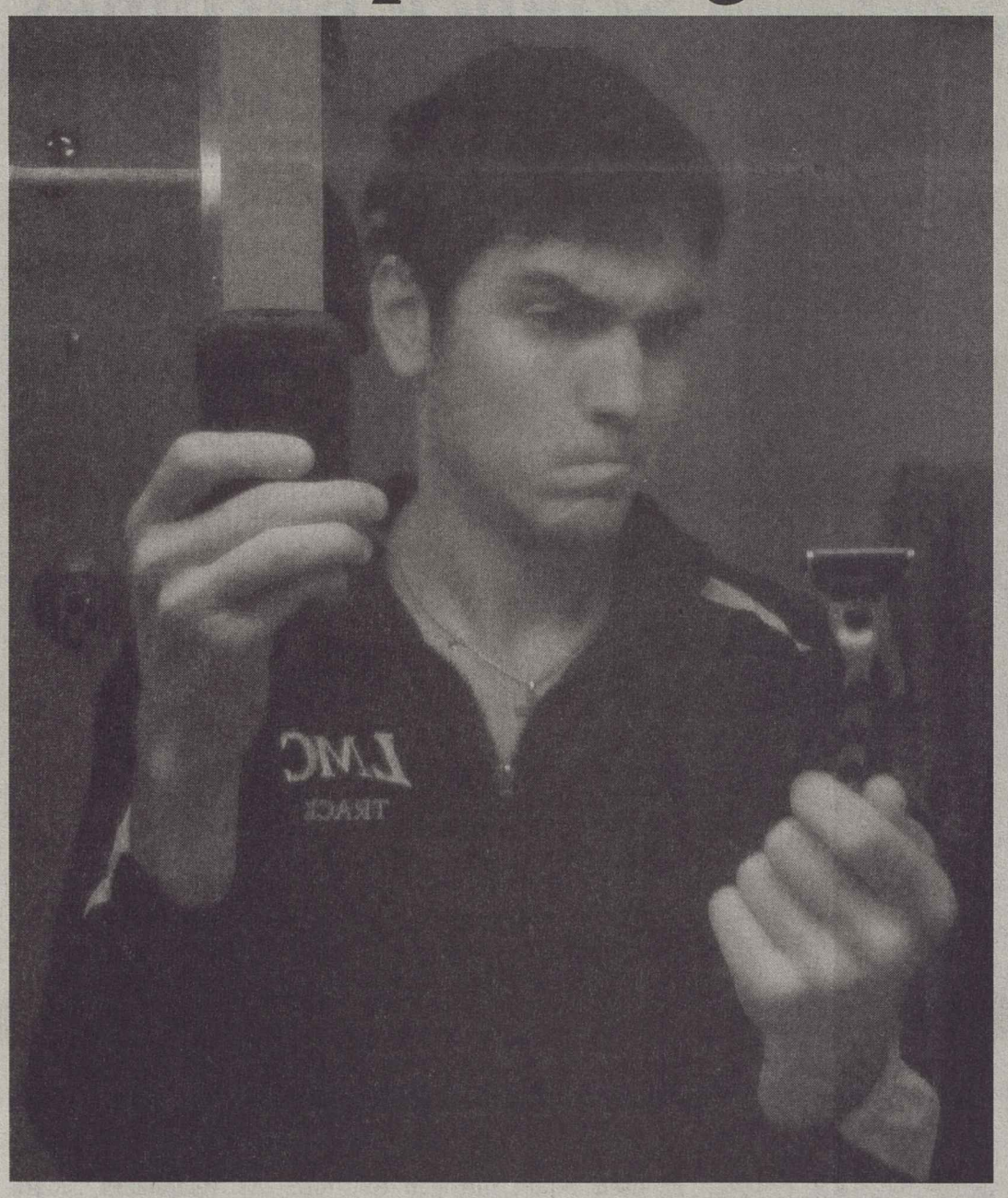
"I am so very excited to be a part of this movement," she said. "I truly believe what we are doing matters, and that our little group is making a difference."

Four students attending—Paul Eugene, Tia Landrum, Ellen Orr, and Jordan Ring—were united and inspired to act individually for world peace when they attended the World Peace Summit in Chicago together last spring.

"This is exactly what the World Peace Summit was all about: like-minded people coming together to speak up and speak out against injustice," Eugene said.

To track their journey to D.C. and their experiences at the rally, search the hashtag "centenarymoves."

No-Shave November Participant Regrets



Ellen Orr
Life Editor

Senior Chad Nelson has made many bad decisions, but one stands out among the others.

"20 years from now," he said, "I will look back at a few regrets I am sure:

1. Never asking Gina Terry to the 6th grade dance.
2. Asking Gina Terry to the 8th grade dance.
3. Choosing to participate in No-Shave November my last year in college."

Since Day One, Nelson has known he was making a mistake, but the commitment had been made.

"It has been two weeks into my adventure of No-Shave November, and it looks like baby hamsters have died all over my face," he said. "My new nickname at the gym is Patches O'hoolahan."

Nelson has felt most insecure about his lack of growth when tutoring high school students. He remembers a recent incident:

"That moment when you tutor high school boys and they brag about their beards, and you scratch your peach fuzz."

In the end, Nelson realizes his illogical decision in participating ("No-Shave November is strictly for those who can grow facial hair," he said, "not those who dream of growing facial hair"), but it's too late now—the month is halfway over, and Nelson is in it for the long haul.

Still, determination to cross the finish line doesn't rid a person of the regret of starting the race, and Nelson is no exception.

"What a mistake it was," he said.

Next Fall Critique

Katelyn Alexander
Guest Writer

Next Fall opens in a hospital: Luke lies in a coma, barely surviving a car accident, and his friends await the arrival of Adam, his partner, and Butch and Arlene, his parents, who are unaware of their son's homosexual relationship.

The play hashes out the serious details of a homosexual couple's relationship and addresses the controversial issues of where God and Heaven stand in their lifestyle.

Thematically, the play concentrates on the hypocritical and religious views people hold and how they affect the judgment of homosexual people.

Older, more conservative people, such as Luke's parents, may judge homosexuals harshly. On the other end of the spectrum are Luke and Adam, who quarrel over the meaning of afterlife.

Although Luke's love and confidence is what makes Adam love him, Adam becomes easily frustrated by Luke's constant repentance for his way of life.

Does Heaven exist, and if so, will homosexuals reside there eternally? How does a gay Christian live with his sins every day?

Through heated debates and biased opinions, the play continuously addresses these serious questions.

Next Fall helps the audience understand the difficult position of hypocritical Christians, the different views of homosexuals, and their concerned friends who try to give them their advice.

Brilliantly directed by Barry James Acosta, the cast members were outstanding, working very well as their assigned characters.

Arlene, the eccentric and unstable mother, darts back and forth in every scene, and Chelsea Hockaday played her perfectly.

Butch consistently argues with Arlene and stands out with his conservative opinions; Robbie Oliva's domineering figure helps portray this character and his old-fashioned style.

Victoria Chavis and Daniel Proveaux's supporting roles assist in helping the audience understand differing views that are not extreme. And, of course, Nathan Gauthier and Jonathan Slocum play Adam and Luke's roles outstandingly as they intensely lay out their feelings and beliefs on the stage.

It takes bravery for actors to play such controversial roles and show emotions that usually meant for an intimate moment in front of a crowd.

When reflecting on Next Fall, remember Centenary's challenge of "Expanding Circles." The true meaning of this play is to broaden audience members' minds and assist them in understanding different people, and loving them—no matter their life choices.

LIFE

Dealing with Rainy Days

Sara Whittington
Guest Writer

Imagine this: One day you wake up and don't feel well, so you see a doctor.

Maybe there was a gradual progression of this illness, or maybe it snuck up on you. Either way, you end up in a hospital by the end of the day, getting the treatment you need to achieve a higher quality of life.

Maybe you stay at the hospital for a week, and continue outpatient treatment for a matter of months. Eventually, you gain the tools you need to stay out of remission and have a healthy, happy life.

Now, what ailment did you suffer from? Diabetes? Cancer? Or maybe something that is not always visible, something that is stigmatized so frequently that it is difficult for patients to get the help they need and deserve. Maybe it's depression.

According to St. Vincent Health, "although about 16 percent of American adults will develop depression at some point, only one-fifth will receive the care they need to treat the condition." I came up with two possible reasons why this happens:

Lack of funding

From the state level to personal finances, funding is vital to receive any sort of service. From 2009 to 2012, Louisiana's mental health budget has been cut $1.5 million dollars, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

This lack of funding for mental health care impacts many citizens.

Not only are those with low income affected, but those living in less urban environments will have fewer options for getting treatment.

Stigma

The stigma associated with any form of mental illness is still a major factor as to why many individuals do not seek services.

Snide remarks given from friends, family members and colleagues could be a major influence in the decision to get treatment or not.

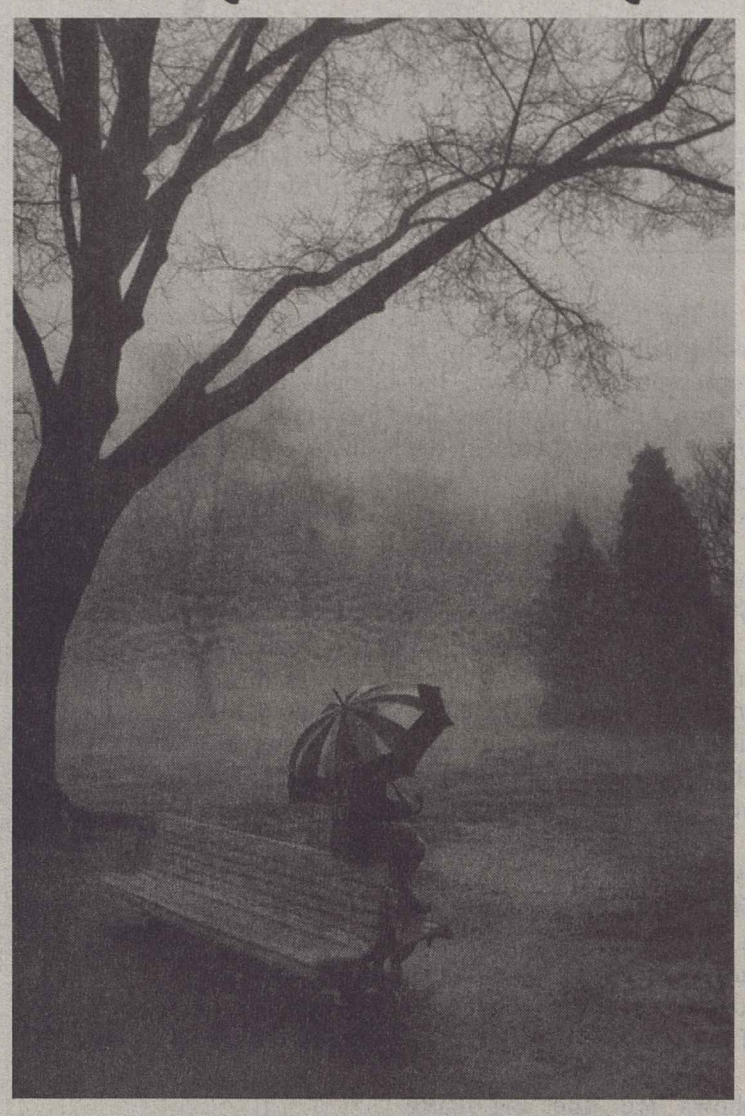
So what can we do, as students, friends, and family members, to support others and ourselves in times of illness?

Firstly, educate yourself. It is easy to be afraid of something you know nothing about.

Secondly, support your loved ones in a way that you would like to be supported. If someone tells your friend that they're crazy, ask them why they think that, and maybe even throw a few statistics into the conversation.

Lastly, we can write letters to powerful politicians in our state, encouraging them to increase funding for mental health care services and facilities.

I'll leave you with this powerful quote from President Bill Clinton: "Mental illness is nothing to be ashamed of, but stigma and bias shame us all."



Fraternity House Etiquette

Anonymous
Contributing Writer

I am a recent graduate of Centenary College of Louisiana. Over the four years that I spent studying at our beloved institution, I was also affiliated with one of the fraternities on campus.

Now, I feel which organization as well as my own name are unimportant details to this work. The idea of this article had been thrown around and discussed, at times at length, many a night within my own fraternity.

There were times when I was personally blown away at the audacity of the actions undertaken by some of our peers at our house.

As such, I feel it is finally time that this article be published. So here it is, a parting gift from yours truly: this is Fraternity House Etiquette.

I will not be extolling the virtues of fraternities, nor the injustice of some misconceptions; that may be left for another day. Instead, I wish to elaborate on some of my own pet peeves, as well as some "do not"s when one finds himself/herself at one of the Greek houses on the weekend:

Know your limits. We all love to have a good time, kick a few back, and unwind after a week of studies. This being said, when you are a guest at a house, you should keep your wits about you.

No fraternity guy looks forward to you, or your friends, getting devastatingly drunk. We do not want to take care of you. We do not want DPS being called and the party shut down because you could not hold your alcohol.

We are not your babysitters, and I am sure I speak for all Greek men when I say we could do without it.

You are a guest; act like it. This never seemed to be a problem in my twilight years; people were respectful, and I never found myself agitated. Oh man, how that has changed.

I can recall a specific event when two guests at my house demanded drinks from me. Demanded. They did not ask. They expected something from me, like I owed it to them.

I will say, this angered me. Immensely. When you are invited or allowed to partake in events that are put on (read: funded) by a Greek organization, do not act like it was done for you.

The fraternities go through great expense, much time preparing, and planning the parties you love to attend. They fund it. You do not. Centenary does not give the fraternities money to keep you entertained.

Be sure that you always find yourself to be a gracious guest and try to appreciate the work your peers undertake so that you may share in the fun having that they have sweated for.

Do not drop your drunk friends at a house. This always gets me as well. I do not care how well you know members of any organization; we are not here to watch your drunk friend so you can go back to other houses and have a good time.

Maybe this is a good cue that you need new friends if they'd dump you off so they can continue to enjoy their evening.

If your friend has had too much, see to it that they return to their respective residence safely. That's just being a good friend; it's hardly bothersome if you live on campus. Don't be lazy.

Do not perform 'hit and run' maneuvers. There have been many a time when a group of people I don't know have stopped by my house for some particular reason and then left.

Made no contribution, no conversation, no gratitude. Just stopped in to use our restroom or consume the libations we had, and then left. It's ridiculous.

If you don't know people at a house, don't show up like you have a right to be there, because you don't.

Respect our house. Yes, we live in a fraternity house. Yes, it's kind of a piece. But it's our house, darn it, and it's all we have got. As such, we don't appreciate it when someone comes in and breaks something or pukes all over our floor/furniture.

I mean, I do not think you'd be keen on the prospect of a bunch of fraternity guys coming into your residence, trashing the place, and then leaving. Hey, guess what? We aren't fond of the idea either.

Yes, all of these things have happened multiple times. Heck, you may even be guilty of one of these. Worst part, I bet you did not think twice about it while it happened.

Why? Because you don't care. You do not truly acknowledge that we undertake the task of keeping things interesting on campus, of throwing parties, of making sure you and your friends have the chance to unwind at the end of the week.

We do this, and we do it for our peers. And how are we thanked? Our houses get trashed, our refreshments consumed, and then our honored guests leave once they've had their fill.

It is a true wonder why we carry on with it. I can honestly tell you that I didn't once enjoy a large party at my fraternity. I never enjoyed a mass of people I do not know in my house, trashing the place, and then leaving me their mess to clean up.

It's not the best way I can think of to spend my weekend. So please, in these times where hosting these events has become more difficult and less rewarding, do not add fuel to the fire.

Do not be the straw that breaks the camel's back. We may be men of fraternities, we may not always be the most respectable of groups, but we do more for the general student body than it does for us.

We don't ask for much, but I, personally, would not mind the credit we are due.

FRANCESCA'S FASHION FORECAST

Francesca Lawrence
Staff Writer

Cold weather is just around the corner, which means that we will be seeing more denim around campus. But you don't have to limit yourself to wearing denim in the same old boring ways this winter season.

Warm weather jeans don't have to be put away just yet. If you recently bought yourself a cute pair of cropped jeans, wear them with neutral fall colors and your favorite pair of flats.

And those fabulous, bright skinnies? Good news—celebrities have been spotted wearing embellished bright jeans with fringed seams and edgy zippers even as temperatures have dropped.

Why not wear denim head to toe? Take a denim button-down and pair it with darker jeans and some leather boots.

Mixing washes provides a bold flare, although the look is utterly simple.

If you want to dress up your denim, blazers can add a touch of sophistication. Try pairing your sleek dark-wash jeans with a dark blazer, and with your lighter or acid-washed jeans, pair a lighter or more brightly colored blazer.

Underneath, wear shimmery or sequined tops for night events if you want a more fashion-forward look.

Silk blouses are another option; they give off a more feminine vibe, especially those than have intricate necklines or pretty patterns.

For a casual situation, add a printed cardigan or a cropped leather jacket to the classic "jeans and a white tee" look to create a new, fresh outfit.

For men, this season's denim trends include washes drawn from the camouflage color palette.

Additionally, rich hues are in this season, including dark shades of reds, blues, greens and purples. These can be worn with neutral and darker colors to draw more attention to them.

SPORTS

Senior Spotlight: Jessi Wilcox

Dustin Sexson
Staff Writer

The Centenary Ladies's Volleyball team proudly is represented by Senior Jesi Wilcox, from Mobile, Alabama. Wilcox stands in the Libero (special player defending the back of the court).

Wilcox celebrates her birthday October 5th and is 23-years-old.

Her favorite color is turquoise and her hobbies include: reading, traveling, helping animals in any way shape or form, scuba diving, and anything adventurous.

She does not have a "favorite movie," but enjoys Shawshank Redemption, It's a Wonderful Life, and Singin' in the Rain; she also enjoys anything with Channing Tatum and Jason Statham.

Her favorite T.V. shows are The Big Bang Theory and New Girl.

Her current favorite band is Iration.

Her food preference changes regularly and her favorite sports team is the Crimson Tide from her home state.

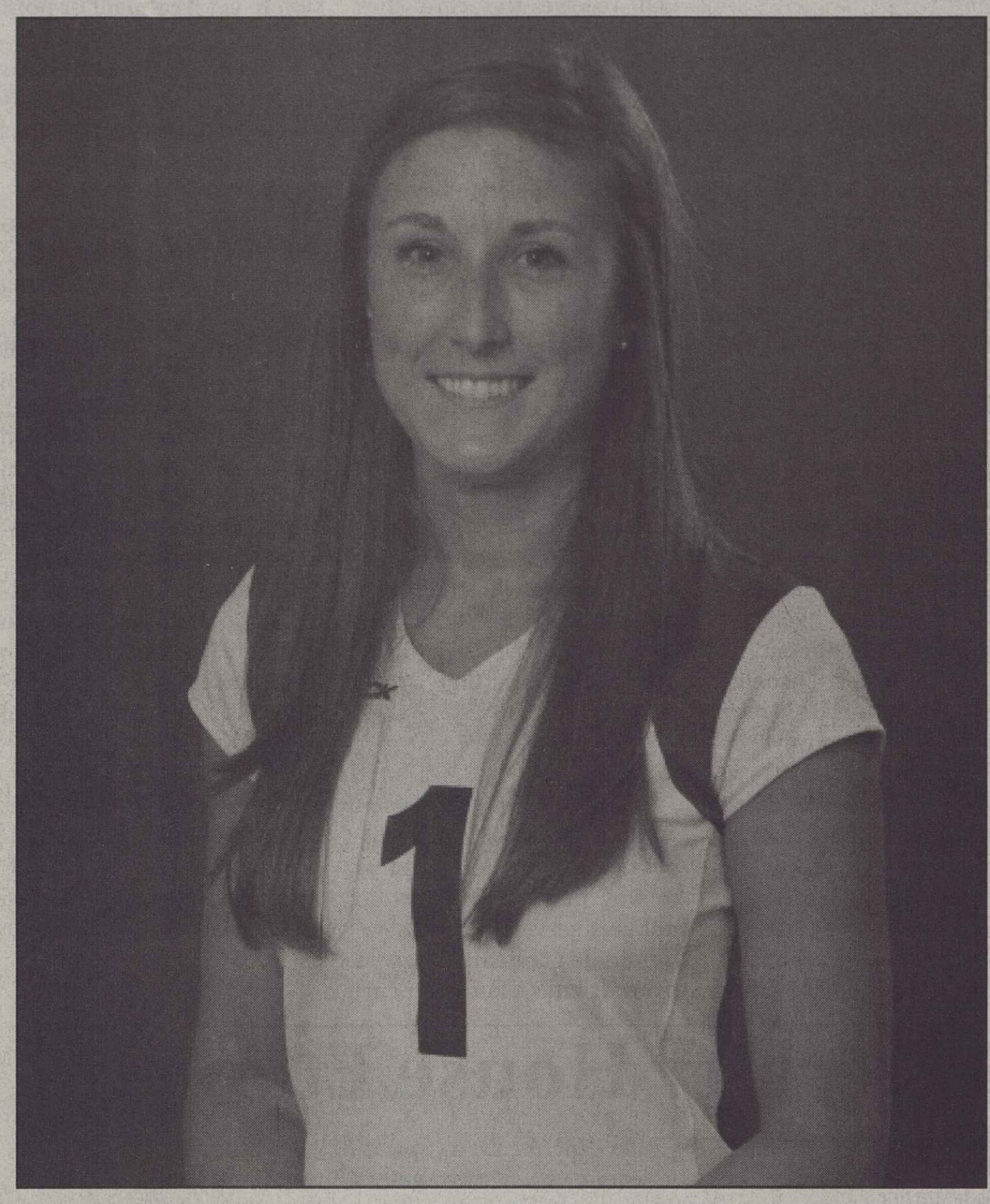
Wilcox studies at Centenary College of Louisiana, pursuing a degree in Communications.

After graduating she hopes to get a job getting her into the magazine industry-- completely different from her childhood dream of being an astronaut.

Volleyball became Wilcox's passion after not making the Cheerleading squad-- "I would play Volleyball often with my older cousin, so I liked it a lot," she said.

In preparation for match day Wilcox likes feeling "like I'm in an awesome Nike commercial." Listening to Sail by AWOLNATION gives her this feeling.

Wilcox imparts this advice to younger athletes: "Take care of your body first, sports will always be around."



Ladies' Basketball Season Preview

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

Centenary's Kristen Davis returns to the helm with a young Ladies Basketball team that will be looking to be competitive their first year in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference for the 2012-13 season.

The Ladies are coming off an improved season from last year going 8-17 (8-14 in ASC) and will be playing with a young squad again this year.

Lone senior Vashni Moore will be one of three returners back for the Ladies and expected to lead them again this year.

The other two returners will be sophomores Kayla Ruth and Dionecia Warr.

Warr is probably the key player on the team to watch for this upcoming season, and is known for her explosiveness from last year.

"Dio is going to have a lot on her shoulders, and brings a lot both on offense and defense," Davis said.

The Ladies welcome six incoming freshmen to the team, seven new members counting junior Francesca Lawrence.

These players are: Caitlyn Gentry, Emmeline Richard, Ashley Wilson, Diogenee Osborne, and Briana Edward.

All of these players can expect to gain several significant minutes for the team as the season goes on.

Davis expects to rotate a lot of these new players into her rotation and they should all have an opportunity to take advantage of.

This may be a young team, but the expectation hasn't changed any.

Davis says, "Fundamentals are important like rebounding, turnovers, and playing smart.

It is really early right now and the girls continue to have to stay hungry." Centenary faces a tough non-conference schedule, including teams like Lamar University, LSUS, McNeese State, and Louisiana College.

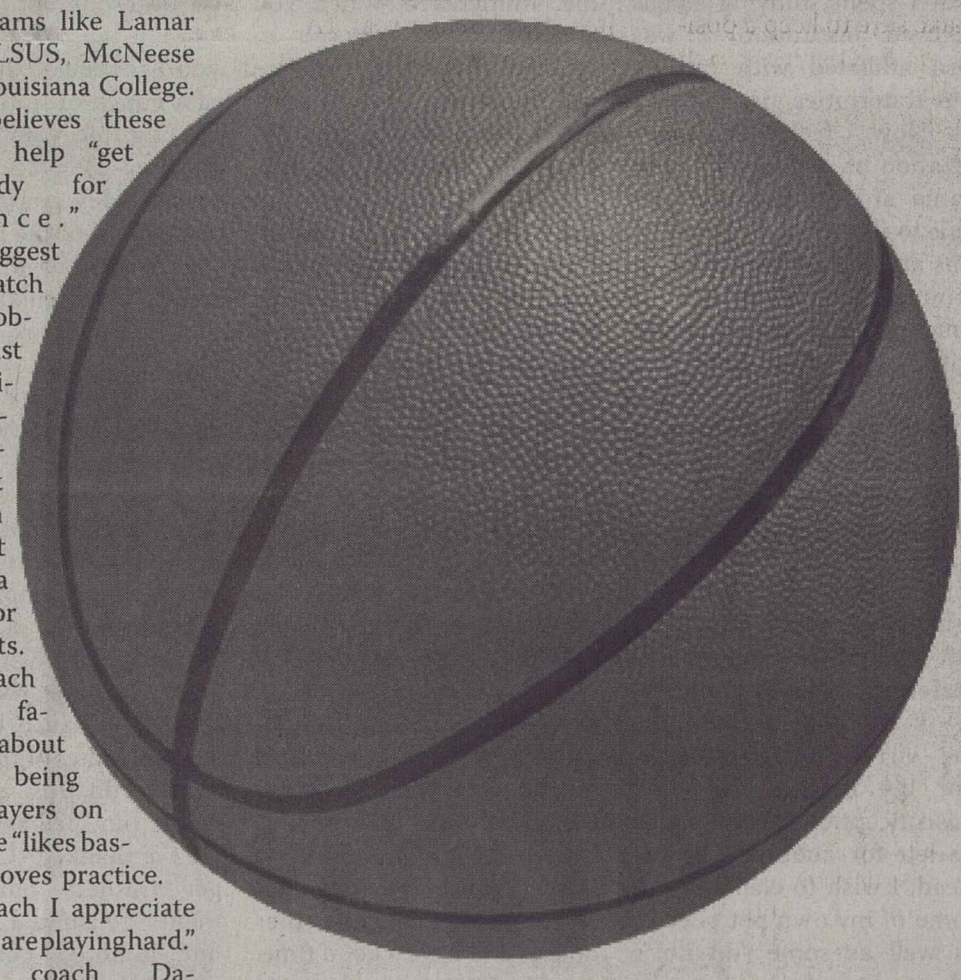
Davis believes these games will help "get them ready for conference."

The biggest game to watch for will probably be against cross town rival LSUS, because Centenary hasn't played them recently, so it ought to be a fun match for the students.

For coach Davis her favorite part about coaching is being with the players on her team. She "likes basketball and loves practice.

As a coach I appreciate when players are playing hard."

Expect coach Davis's young Ladies team to play hard all year and hopefully the results will show on the scoreboard.



Polls Shaken This Week in College Football

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

It was only a matter of time before the #1 team in College Football would be defeated.

#15 Texas A&M, still in their first year in the SEC, got to be the team to deliver the upset last Saturday as Alabama would be defeated for the first time in about a year 29-24.

A&M was up most of the game, but Alabama would fail to convert on a fourth down in the Red Zone at the end of the game as the Aggies hung on.

Another team that almost was upset, but won instead in unusual fashion was #6 Florida Gators.

Hosting Louisiana Lafayette in non-conference action, The Gators had to rally 14-3 in the 4th quarter to come back and win 27-20.

The game winner was on a blocked punt attempt by Louisiana Lafayette and the Gators ran it back into the end zone to go up with about 10 sec. left in the game.

#2 Kansas State rolled over TCU 23-10, #3 Oregon blew out California 59-17, and #4 Notre Dame handled Boston College 21-3.

Alabama's defeat could change the polls next week, and it will be interesting to see where these seeded teams move in the standings.

#5 Georgia routed Auburn 38-0 as the Tigers continue struggling.

Two other SEC teams looking to remain strong in the polls were #7 LSU and #8 South Carolina. LSU defeated #21 Mississippi State 37-17 and South Carolina blew out Arkansas 38-20.

What was probably the most shocking loss deficit wise was #9 Louisville getting their first defeat of the year.

It came to a .500 Syracuse team and the final was 45-26. #10 Florida State had a closer game, but had to score in the last minute to get a road win against Virginia Tech 28-22.

Not really counting as an upset, but still a good match was #14 Stanford over #11 Oregon State 27-23. #22 Texas Tech had to go into overtime before defeating Kansas 41-34.

It wasn't the same for ranked #24 Northwestern State. Michigan made some amazing plays at the end to set up a field goal to tie the game, before getting a go ahead touchdown in overtime.

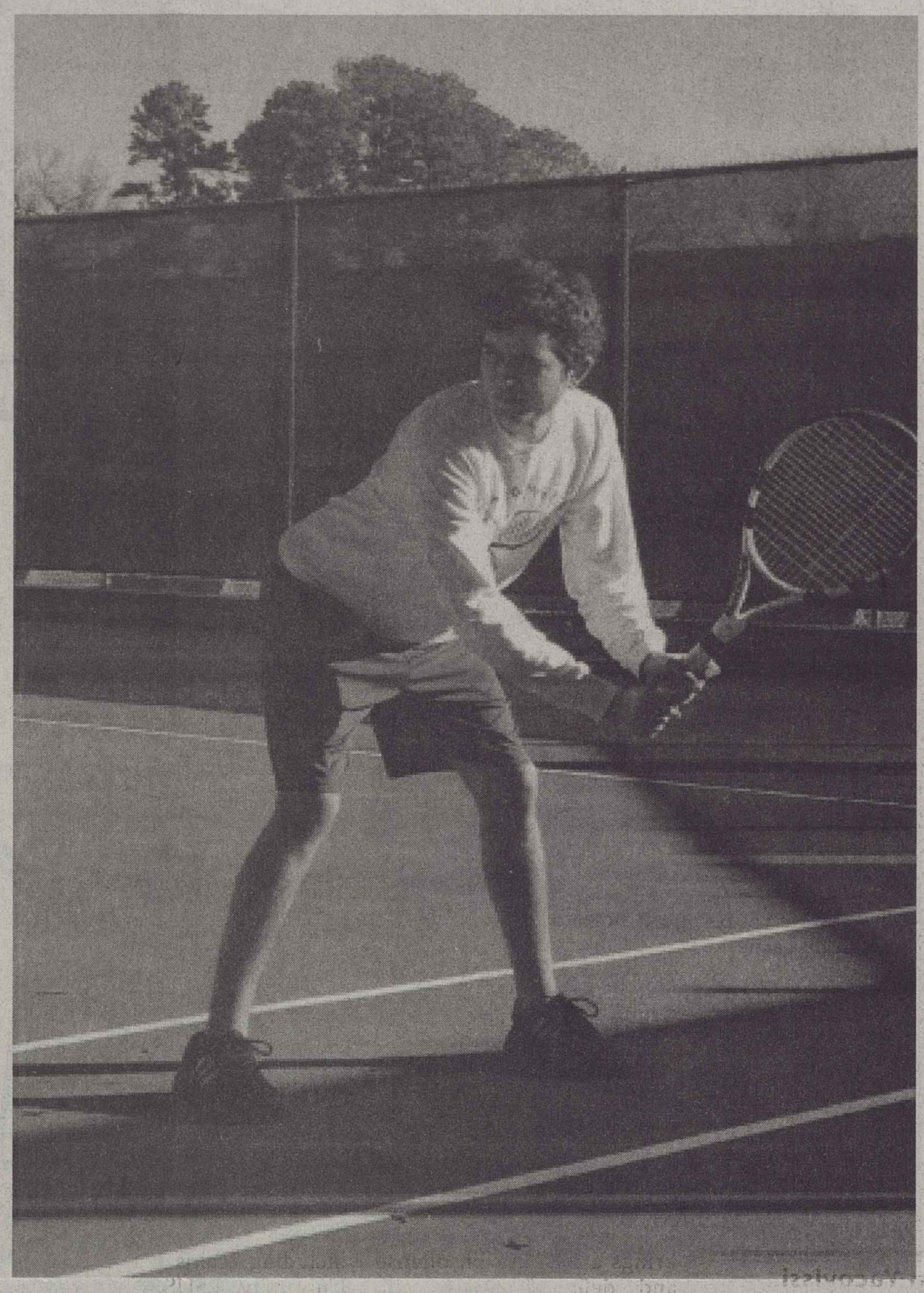
Wrapping up the scoreboard this week is #12 Oklahoma over Baylor 42-34, #13 Clemson over Maryland 45-10, #16 Nebraska over Penn State 32-23, #17 University of Texas over Iowa State University 33-7, #18 UCLA over Washington State University 44-36, #19 USC over Arizona State 38-17, and #20 Louisiana Tech over Texas State 62-55.

SPORTS

Athlete of the Week: Garrett Whipple

Andrea Violet
Editor in Chief

Name: Garrett Whipple
Sport: Tennis
Classification: Junior
Position: Number 2 singles player and number 2 doubles team
Hometown: Monroe, LA
Major: Biology
Favorite Color: Red
Favorite Sports Team: LSU
Favorite Restaurant: Ichiban
Favorite Musical Artist: Mumford and Sons
Favorite TV Show: Parks and Recreation
Favorite Movie: Moonrise Kingdom
Hobbies: Reading, Drinking Coffee, and Netflix.
What do you plan on doing after graduation: Attend Medical School in the Northeast
People you look up to: I look up my parents.
When did you start playing or getting involved in your sport and why: I began playing tennis when I was 12 after every other sport didn't work out. My game advanced much faster than the other sports so I stuck with it.
What goes through your head as you prepare for every game: I go over my game plan in my head then review my back-up plans if the first one doesn't work. I make sure to keep a positive mind-set going into the match so it carries through-out.
What is your most memorable moment in your career: Defeating an 10 - 0 undefeated doubles team from LaTourneau with Michael Reeks my Sophomore year.
What is your least favorite thing about your sport and what is your most favorite: My least favorite thing is the conditioning.
My most favorite thing is that fact that I can continue to play tennis for the rest of my life.
If you could sum up your life in one song what would it be: Hopeless Wanderer by Mumford and Sons
What advice would you give younger athletes in your sport: It's not hard to get to a point to compete with the top in the game, but it takes habitual dedication to progress beyond to become the best.
What is your most over used word or phrase: "I can't, I'm studying."
High School academic accomplishments, rewards or honors societies: Valedictorian, National Merit Semi-finalist, Science Olympiad National Competitor in Cell Biology and Microbiology, member of National Honors Society.
High School sports accomplishments, rewards, and placements: 1A State Champion in singles my Junior and Senior year. 1A State Runner-Up in singles my Sophomore year.



Men's Basketball Looking to Build Success

Nathan Yacovissi
Staff Writer

The Gents are coming off a successful season, having finished at .500 with a 11-11 record and one of the best records in the last decade.

Head Coach Adam Walsh enters his 3rd year at the helm, and is hoping his team can "continue to build off of last year's success."

He will have most of his team from that squad back with 11 returners and two of them being key guys that had torn ACLs last year.

Centenary welcomes four new guys with three freshmen and one junior college transfer, which should all expect some time this year.

Coach Walsh isn't willing to set expectations too high, though. "We would like to win the league, but we are still young," Walsh said. Centenary enters their first season in the Southern Collegiate Athletics Conference and will be facing several new teams this year.

It starts at home on November 30, against Trinity, which is probably one of two home games to watch for the Gents.

LSUS will also be a nice cross-town rival that will be played up the road at LSUS in early December and should be fun for both fan bases.

The team will be led by junior Jonathan Blount, commonly called "B5" by players and fans.

The 6-1 guard is one of the most clutch shooters on the team, including a 37.7 shooting percentage behind the arc, and averaged 16.9 points per game.

Other players to watch will be Donovan Williams and Brooks Pawsat who both return from injuries last year that kept them out for the year. Freshmen Brett Bell will also be key a player to watch inside the post.

The Gents do have nine guys that played big minutes last year, and that will also be a key to how the team does in this new conference.

Coach Walsh has a few keys to success for his team. "Defense is where it starts at," he says. "We are also looking to score fast in transition, and push the tempo."

Centenary should be able to play this quick style with strength for the team being their depth.

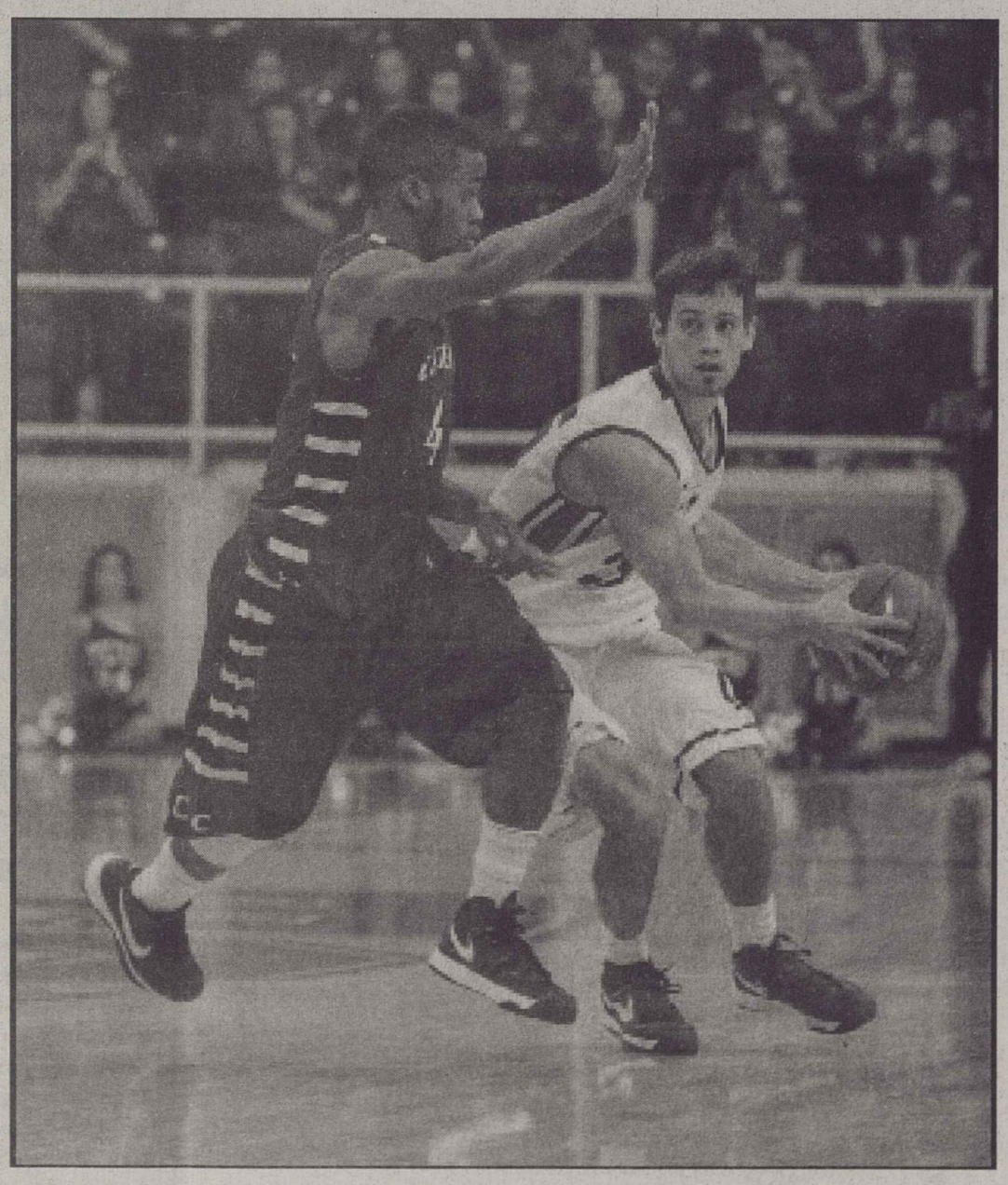
Their 11 returners are: Pawsat, JaColby Hardin-Crawford, Isaiah Whitaker, Blount, Daniel Allen, Jairus Browning, Caden Cheramie, Tyler Wright, Williams, Hayward Martin, and Saro Ntagha. The four new guys are: Bell, Drew Erskine, Deavonte Hicks, and Simeon Brinkley.

The most important thing Coach Walsh wants to see this season is to "continue to see growth as young men" from his team, and also "hang a banner for the Conference Championship." He does have a challenge for the fans, though, which is to come out and support a team that did go 9-2 at home last year.

Centenary is still young, but has some experience with players having minutes and new guys with potential to put up big numbers.

Being in the championship game might be a lofty expectation still, because this is a new conference and you have to play the games.

Fans should still be a part of the action and enjoy what is looking like an exciting season for the men's basketball team.



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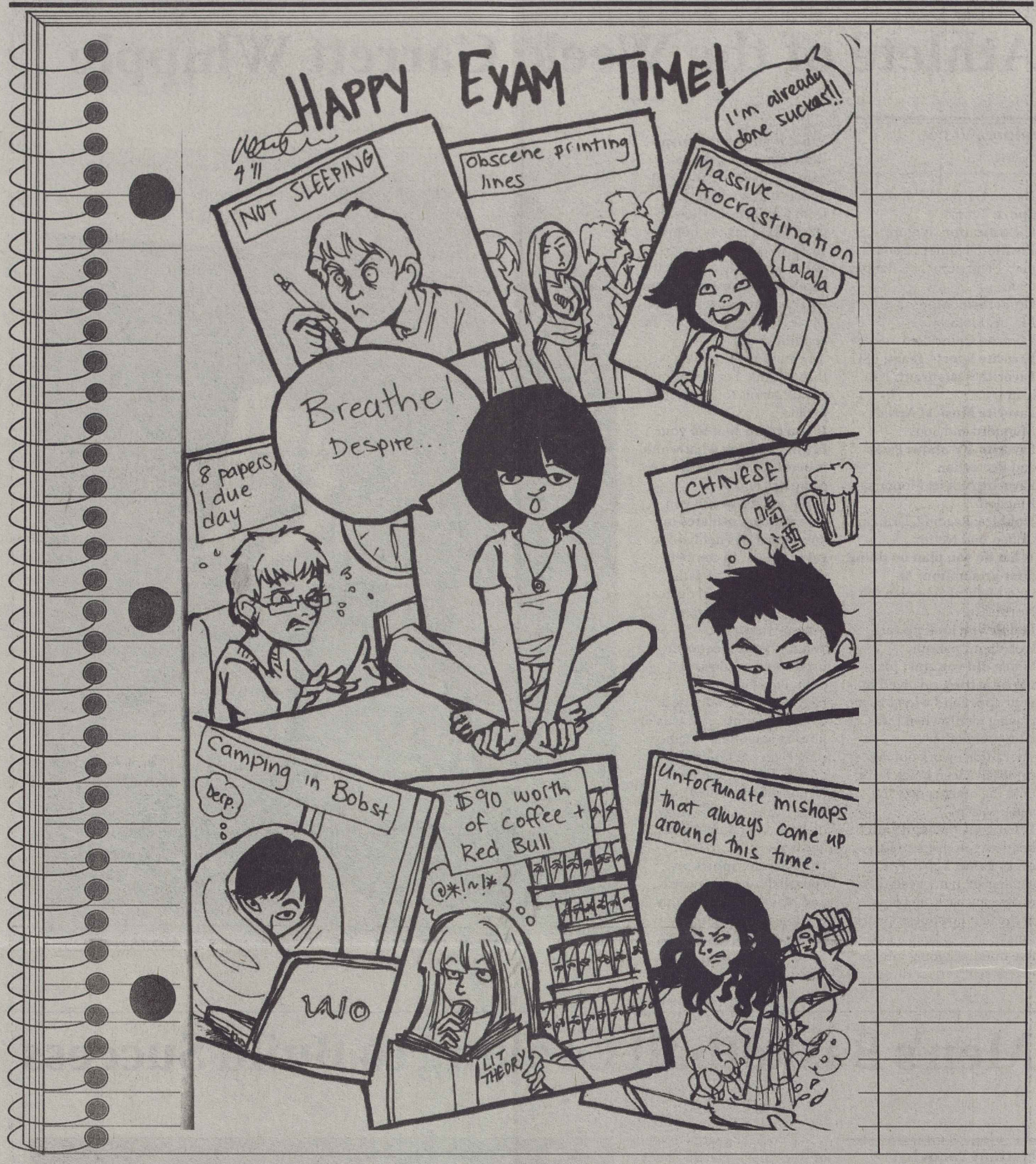

Brain Food

See if you can figure out these tricky word problems!

1. What word is pronounced differently when the first letter is capitalized?
2. Punctuate the following so it makes sense: "That that is is that that is not is not is not that it it is."
3. An encyclopedia consists of ten volumes (sitting next to each other, in order, on a shelf). Each volume contains one thousand pages. Excluding the covers of each volume, how many pages are between the first page of the encyclopedia and the last?
4. If a boy and a half can eat a hot dog and a half in a minute and a half, how long would it take six boys to eat six hot dogs?
5. If you had one match and entered a room in which there were a kerosene lamp, an oil burner, and a wood burning stove, which would you light first?
6. If a doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last you?
7. George's mother had three children: one named April, one named May, and one named what?
8. How many times can you subtract 2 from 21 without getting a negative number for an answer?
9. The human body holds nine quarts of blood. Suppose you were alone in the desert and accidently cut a major artery. If you bleed at one cup a minute, how long will it take you to bleed to death?
10. If a boy and a half could eat a hot dog and a half in a minute and a half, how many hot dogs could six boys eat in six minutes?

Answers on page 2

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5		9					6	
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3		4	9	6	8		5	7
			6	9		7		
9	4		7		1		2	3
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SECRET METHODS BY WHICH UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS GRADE EXAMS:

Dept Of Statistics: All grades are plotted along the normal bell curve.
Dept Of Psychology: Students are asked to blot ink in their exam books, close them and turn them in. The professor opens the books and assigns the first grade that comes to mind.
Dept Of History: All students get the same grade they got last year.
Dept Of Religion: Grade is determined by God.
Dept Of Philosophy: What is a grade?
Law School: Students are asked to defend their position of why they should receive an A.
Dept Of Mathematics: Grades are variable.
Dept Of Logic: If and only if the student is present for the final and the student has accumulated a passing grade then the student will receive an A else the student will not receive an A.
Dept Of Computer Science: Random number generator determines grade.
Music Department: Each student must figure out his grade by listening to the instructor play the corresponding note (a + and - would be sharp and flat respectively).
Dept Of Physical Education: Everybody gets an A